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Blair outrage at 40% pay rise for lottery chiefs

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duced sales of scratchcards.

A spokesman for Richard

Branson, who competed for

the lottery franchise, said that

he would continue to press for

print money".

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Jojo Moyes and Anthony Bevins

Tony Blair last night said he was outraged that top executives at Camelot, the National Lottery operator, had awarded themselves pay rises of nearly 40 per cent, despite a drop in contributions to good causes.

Camelot confirmed figures published in Marketing Week magazine which showed that total payments to 10 executives increased from £1.67m to £2.32m last year - despite money going to lottery causes falling by

In a rare snap reaction, the Prime Minister's office said last night: "If these reports are true, his reaction is the same as that of the millions of people who buy Lottery tickets up and down the country – one of outrage.

Sir George Russell, the chairman of Camelot, has been ordered to attend an urgent meeting with Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, to explain himself, against a looming threat that Camelot is riding for a heavy fall.

In its statement, No 10 said: The Prime Minister attaches the highest priority to reform of the lottery. That is why there is a Bill in the first Queen's Speech. This is the people's lottery and the money raised from it should re-

Mr Smith said: "If these reports are true, I find the position completely unacceptable. I am determined to get more lottery money to good causes. The new Government is committed to seeking a non-profit lottery operator when the current licence expires."

Camelot's lottery "winners" included communications di-

ceived a 90 per cent pay rise from £175,000 to £333,000. Chief executive Tim Holley received a 53 per cent pay rise, with his total package increasing from £385,000 to £590,000.

This included a £17,000 rise in basic salary, a £4,000 increase in performance-related pay to £127,000, a 47 per cent rise in benefits in kind to £25,000 and a £176,000 payment through a long-term incentive

The figures showed total sales of National Lottery tickets in the year to 31 March 1997 were £4.7bn, a drop of 10 per cent on 1996. Camelot's pre-tax profits showed a fall of 8.6 per cent to £70.8m.



itage pointed out. "What they do with that penny ... is obvirised year-end results, which ously a matter for them."

have been confirmed by Camelot, said that bonuses paid Oflot, the lottery regulator, said the issue of profits was setup to 31 March 1997 were based on the previous year's retled when Camelot won the right to run the lottery. A cording to the magazine, Sir spokesman said that how George blamed the decline in the company's profits on re-Camelot dealt with their profits was "a matter for them. It was a competitive contract and they came up with the best deal for the good causes and they kept the least for themselves.

all profits from the lottery to go Camelot has earned more to charity as it was a "licence to than £1m a week since the launch of the game in November 1994. Sales revenues are Camelot were, however, unable to award themselves any split with half of the proceeds going on prizes, 28 per cent gomore than one pence in the ing to the five good causes, 12 per cent to the Government, 5 pound under the terms of their contract, a spokesman for the per cent to retailers and the rest Department of National Herabout 5 per cent - to Camelot.

Camelot last night said the figures were high because they ncluded the first part-payment of long-term bonuses. The scheme rewards executives if they hit performance targets and could reach 140 per cent of their base salary.

"They're all based on perfornance fargers and based on returns to good causes and profit to Camelot," said spokeswoma Joanna Manning-Cooper.

"All payment to directors comes out of Camelot's costs and it doesn't mean less mongood causes. If they're not efficient, they don't get the bonus." Pay scales were set following consultation with exter-

nal pay panels, she added. The total payment to good causes was £1.27bn and £2.38bn was handed out in prizes, she said. Camelot profits were £46.8m after tax.

Lottery grant return, page 10

Earth pelted by giant snowballs



Extra-terrestrial: An ice object crossing in space above the British Isles before evaporating

Charles Arthur Science Editor

The Earth is being bombarded jects every minute - some of them the size of a small house, according to new satellite data from the United States space

agency Nasa. Astronomers insist that the objects pose no threat to people on Earth, or to astronauts in orbit, because friction with the atmosphere melts them and breaks them up between

the planet. The Mir space sta-tion orbits about 190 miles up. versity of Iowa, who said yes-terday: "This relatively gentle

The time-lapse picture above in the life of an object about the size of a two-bedroom house which passed high over Britain on the night of 26 September last year, before breaking up more than

5,000 miles above earth. But experts are mystified about the origins of the extraterrestrial icecubes, some weighing more than 10 tonnes. They were discovered by Pro-

15,000 and 600 miles above fessor Louis Frank, of the Uni-'cosmic rain' - which possibly pounds - may well have nurtured the development of life on

our planet." Professor Frank's theory had been controversial since he first roposed it 11 years ago, and had been widely derided - but yesterday scientists at the spring meeting of the American Geophysical Union were forced to admit that he had been right.

Photograph: Nasa The results definitively demonstrate that there are obiects entering the Farth's upper

atmosphere that contain a lot of of the University of Michigan. "These certainly vindicate Lou The objects were discovered by satellite cameras on board

Nasa's Polar spacecraft. The cameras showed that the objects are not condensing within the atmosphere, but approach the Earth from beyond. Their source is still unknown.

Bob Dylan in hospital after heart scare

David Lister Arts News Editor

Bob Dylan has been admitted to hospital suffering from severe chest pains and a disease as opaque as some of his lyrics. His management immediately cancelled his British tour, due to start next month.

The announcement from America is certain to cause alarm to two generations of fans around the world. Dylan cele-brated his 56th birthday last week, but to his admirers he has, in the words of one of his most beautiful songs, stayed "forev-

His famous "never-ending tour" which sees him performing constantly, allied to a mystique engendered by years of elimitical statements and a refusal to give interviews, has cast him as one of the few Sixties' legends who has embraced neither mid-dle age nor middle of the road.

Dylan complained of chest pains after celebrating his birthday last Saturday and was admitted to hospital straight away. He was diagnosed as suffering from histoplasmosis, a relatively rare disease. An infection of the sac around the heart, it produces symptoms similar to tuberculosis.

Dylan is being treated in an undisclosed hospital in the United States and is likely to remain there for some time, his British spokesman said. His UK tour to Cork, Glasgow, Newcastle, London, Birmingham and Sheffield has been

Dylan's agent, Barry Dickens, confirmed the singer had been admitted to hospital at the weekend. He added he was waiting to speak to doctors in Los Angeles to try to find out the condition of the singer.

"It was his birthday at the weekend and he complained of chest pains," Mr Dickens said. "He went to hospital where he was admitted for treatment. In the 10 years I have represented him he has never complained

about chest pains once."
"The infection is potentially fatal. He will remain at the hospital until his condition is sta-

ble and he has improved." Though described by Mr Dickens as "potentially fatal", the disease afflicting Dylan is an obscure one whose effects are clearly variable.

A British specialist in the field said last night that the condition was rarely fatal but could be serious, tending to affect primarily the lungs.

Kohl's fall-out with bank poses new threat to EMU

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

A massive and unprecedented public row broke out yesterday between the Bundesbank and the German government when the central bank rejected the government's plans to revalue its gold reserves and take some of the profit.

The plans were devised as a means of allowing Germany to meet the criteria for economic and monetary union, and the Bunlesbank statement, combined with polling so far in the French elections, where President Chirac has already sacrificed his Prime Minister in an attempt to keep France on track for Emu, is a massive blow

to the prospects for Emu starting on time.

In a statement the Bundesbank criticised the German government's plan in extraordinarily forthright language, saying it threatened its cherished independence. This sounds like a nuclear explosion in Bundesbank terms," said one banker.

The Bundesbank's refusal to sanction the idea of revaluing its gold, which was born of the government's desperation to ensure it cuts its borrowing enough to qualify for the single currency, puts a question mark over how the country will meet the re-quirements on time. Without Germany in the first wave, the entire European Monetary Union project would crumble. The European Commission last night refused to comment on the developments in Germany. An official said, "It is premature for a reaction from the Commission". Across the Continent, voters increasingly blame the rush to qualify for the single currency for

high levels of unemployment.
Otto Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, yesterday criticised Chancellor Kohl's government for turning to creative accounting in order to be sure of qualifying for the single currency. "This is even more creative than steps taken in other

countries," he said. Mr Kohl responded immediately, saying the plan to revalue the gold would go ahead despite the central bank's objections. The final decision will rest with parliament.

The Bundesbank was forced to deny rumours that its president, Hans Tietmeyer, had resigned in protest.

The row, which emerged only after the This sounds like a nuclear explosion in Bundesbank

financial markets closed yesterday, will send the German currency and bonds plunging when they re-open.

terms'

The Bundesbank's statement said the plan "goes against German tradition as well as the intentions of the Maastricht Treaty governing central bank independence With unemployment in Germany at record levels, the general public is likely to place more trust in the Bundesbank, the mcredibly successful guardian of the Deutschmark, than in its politicians.

Two weeks ago, Germany's finance minister. Theo Waigel, announced the plan to on time.

the public finances into shape for the single currency. The extra profits would be

used to reduce the government's debt. Germany's chances of meeting the Maastricht targets for government deficit and debt levels have become increasingly uncertain. Borrowing is running at un-comfortably high levels, in large part because of recession and unemployment, and the government has run into severe political difficulties in trying to raise taxes

enough to reduce it. The limit on borrowing for countries to qualify to join the single currency is 3 per cent of GDP, and the limit on debt is 60 per cent of GDP. The only economic forecasts that show Germany meeting the targets have been those issued by the EC, dismissed as politically motivated by most economists.

Thomas Mayer, an economist at Gold-man Sachs in Frankfurt, said: "Following this advice, the government will have a tough time to proceed with this plan."

Hermann Remsperger of BHF Bank in Frankfurt said: "It would be very damaging for the Bundesbank, Bonn and Germany as a whole to force the Bundesbank to make these payouts."

Even if they are forced on an unwilling Bundesbank there will be a further hurdle. An EU statistics committee will also scrutinise the plan to see whether the rules would allow it to be counted for the pur-poses of meeting the Maastricht limits. However, the German government may

still find it more appealing than the alternative, which is introducing additional tax increases this summer if it wants to be sure of qualifying for the single currency

The Government set out plans for what could be the most fundamental review of defence and foreign policy since the withdrawal of British forces from east of Suez in 1966. Page 6 Channel 5 slips

Channel 5's two-month-old launch strategy as the broadcaster struggles with half its target ratings and a fall in forecast advertising carnings forecast advertising earnings

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Police sound alarm over crime on the internet

Terrorist organisations and top criminals are starting to use the Internet to send secret messages and carry out fraud and counterfeiting, according to a new police study.

The 10-month study by the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS) uncovered evidence of growing involvement of environmental extremists, and European terrorists - particularly Fascist groups - who were found to use the system to send out messages and information about potential targets. To counter the threat, police are to recommend setting up Britain's first national Internet squad and a review of existing laws to allow detectives to

internet squad and a review of causing and intercept electronic messages.

Dr Neil Barrett, an expert on computer hacking and "information warfare", speaking yesterday at a conference into Internet crime, predicted that organisations such as the IRA and Animal Liberation Front would soon take advantage of the technology. "It's such an obvious and logical next step, it's something we anticipate," he said. He added that terrorists of the future might use computer viruses to cripple emergency and public service rather than bombs.

■ Computer hackers broke into Universal Pictures' "Lost World: Jurassic Park" web site on the Internet yesterday, replacing the ferocious T Rex logo with a silhouette of a plastic duck typically found in a baby's bath, writes Charles Arthur. Hacking high-profile web pages is a popular pastime among those with the necessary skills. Prior to the election, the Labour Party pages were altered externally, and before that the Central Intelligence Agency was renamed the "Central Stupidity Agency".

Shooters given gun deadline

Gun owners will have to turn over an estimated 160,000 revolvers to the police by 1 October as part of the crackdown on firearms, it was announced yesterday.

A date has yet to be set for the removal of the remaining 40.000 guns of .22 calibre and below, although the Government hopes to rush through legislation so that they can be handed over at the same time as the more powerful firearms. Weapons will be collected from 1 July and must be surrendered by 1 October, when the ownership of weapons above .22 calibre will become illegal.

Compensation is estimated at £150m.

Jason Benne

Cantona makes patent his goal



Former Manchester United star Eric Cantona has applied to register his name and the phrases "Ooh Aah Cantona" and "Cantona 7" as commercial trademarks, the patent office disclosed yesterday. If the applications are successful, Cantona (left), who retired from football earlier this month, will be able to prevent anyone else selling clothing. magazines or posters featuring his name. He has also applied for a European Community trademark which, if successful, means that his name will be

copyright in the 15 member states of the EU. The UK applications cover mainly clothing and stationery, but the European trademark would cover films, videos, teatowels and even soft drinks.

Woman in motorway coach drama

A woman passenger prevented a motorway disaster by grabbing the controls of a coach carrying 40 people when the driver collapsed and died. Eva Dobson, 39, a mother of three from Hetton-le-Hole, near Sunderland, was returning from a Bank Holiday trip to Blackpool when the driver suffered a heart attack on the M6 at Holme Park, north of Preston. As he fell over sideways, Ms Dobson, who was sitting at the front, grabbed the wheel and held the coach steady while slipping into the driver's seat and bringing the vehicle to a halt on the central reservation.

Whitehall jobs warning

Michael Bett, the independent civil service commissioner, said yesterday that the principle of fair and open competition for Whitehall jobs would be compromised if "hordes" of new special adviser and press officer positions were created by the new government. But he noted that he had been consulted over the Order in Council approving the creation of political posts paid for out of public funds at No 10 Downing Street, including those of Jonathan Powell, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, and press secretary Alastair Campbell. Sir Michael added, however, that he would be concerned if Britain became more like the United States where the entire top layer of official jobs are replaced when administrations change.

Bitter blow for road-rage driver

The beer expert Roger Protz was ordered to pay more than £1,100 in fines, costs and compensation yesterday over a road-rage row with another motorist.

Protz. editor of the Campaign for Real Ale's publication What's Brewing, kicked the door of another driver's car after accusing him of endangering the lives of his children, St Albans magistrates were told. The furious 58-year-old freelance journalist caused £380 damage to Malcolm Davies's Vauxhall Vectra during an angry confrontation which stopped rush-hour traffic in the city. He denied causing criminal damage.

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Linda Finch touched down yesterday in the slipstream of Amelia Earhart, below

After 60 years Amelias flight is complete

inda Finch, a Texan businesswoman,, has completed the round the world flight which sixty ears ago cost the life of the flying pioneer, Amelia

The 46-year-old mother of three, who made a fortune in the musting home business, touched down in Oakland, California, in a restored twin-engine Lockheed 10 E Electra, the same model that Earhart was

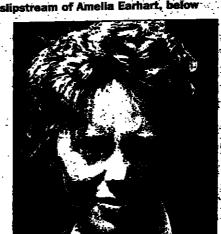
flying.
"I'll see you soon," Finch promised well-wishers in a broadcast carried over the airport's public address system shortly before she landed. She left Oakland on 17 March and in two and a half

months of flying covered 26,000 miles, stopping in 18 countries as she circumnavigated the world along the The last flight along her route was regarded as the

most difficult - a 2,400 mile journey from Honolulu to the West Coast. Facing strong head winds, the alicraft was laden with extra fuel for the 15-boar flight.

Finch was resting yesterday before a press conference and scheduled call from President Clinton.

Earhart sent her last radio message on 2 July 1937, frantically trying to find her bearings as she approached Howland Island in the central Pacific.



Despite searches for Earhart's last resting place, neither her remains, nor those of her plane were ever found. A week ago, Finch dropped silk wreaths near the island to honour Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan. The trip was sponsored by the Pratt and Whitney, who made the engines for the original aircraft.

Finch avoided several African countries on Earhart's route because of political instability, and could not herself land at Howland Island because it no longer has an airport. "My strongest thought is that I'm so close to home. Amelia must have been so disappointed, she got so close," she said, before leaving Honotulu.

In speeches in Africa, Asia, Australia and South America, she has stressed that Earhart was living a dream. She believed "that people should not live within limhs that were set by society or the many kinds of limits we set for ourselves," Finch said.

Tim Cornwell, Los Angeles

Drug smuggler must go directly to British jail

For Sandra Gregory, the prospect of six years in a British prison cell is cause for celebration. Gregory, a convicted heroin smuggler who has spent four years in the notorious jail known as the Bangkok Hilton, will fly home next week to complete her sentence in Britain.

The authorities in Thailand agreed to let her return under the terms of an agreement with Britain that allows for the transfer of prisoners on compassionate grounds. Gregory, 31, a former teacher,

from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, is expected in England at the end of next week, when she will be taken initially to Holloway Prison, north London, to be

She is likely to request a transfer to a jail in the North in order to be nearer to family and

Gregory, who will be accompanied by three male British prisoners, was given a 25-year sentence for attempting to export heroin. That was reduced by three years under an amnesty to mark the Thai king's golden jubilee. Under British law, she will be eligible for parole in six years.

Gregory was arrested at Bangkok airport with a companion, Robert Lock, as they were about to board a flight to Japan in



February 1993. She was found in possession of three ounces of heroin and pleaded guilty, but claimed that Lock had paid her to smuggle the drugs out of Thailand. He has since been acquitted

In Klong Prem jail in Bangkok, she has endured filthy and overcrowded conditions, poor diet and infestations of head lice.

Jackie Cox, a friend who has campaigned for her release, said yesterday: "We are absolutely delighted that we have at last reached the time when Sandra is coming home. She still has a long way to go before she is free, but a recent letter from her shows how much coming back to England means to her." Kathy Marks

Bad feng-shui deters Tung Feng-shui, the traditional Chinese

belief in reconciling man with his environment, appears to have won the day. Yesterday, Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's first Chief Executive, announced that he would not be talding up residence in Government House, a place he has described as having "bad feng-shui".

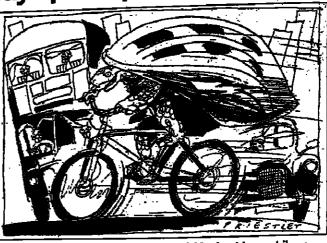
In so doing he is breaking with the colonial past which has seen Government House serve as both the Governor's residence and office. The present incumbent. Chris Patten, says he likes it a lot because it has enabled him to see more of his family than at any other time in his political career.

Mr Tung, a former shipping tycoon, has no need of government housing and will remain in his luxurious apartment and get the government to lease the adjoining flat to provide even more space. He also owns a compound near the sea where he can retire at weekends if he does not wish to avail himself of the Governor's second residence at

Fanling, near the Chinese border. Government House, now overshadowed by the Bank of China building, which is supposed to give off bad feng shui with its sharp angels pointing like daggers, will become a guesthouse for ViPs and a location for official functions, and possibly Stephen Vines

TRANSPORT

On your bike: capital survey says pedal power is quickest



People wanting to get about Loudon quickly should get a bike, a government survey out yesterday revealed.

Statistics from the Department of Transport showed the fastest journeys in and around the capital are those made by bicycle.
Worsening congestion has seen short trips of about five miles from inner London to the centre of the capital in 1996 took an average of 34 minutes by bicycle against 45 minutes by car, 45

minutes by rail and 64 minutes by bus. Journeys of about 25 miles in central London were also best tackled with a bike. Those cycling took an average 18 minutes for such trips, while those in cars took 33 minutes, those on trains took

31 minutes and bus passengers took 38 minutes. And things can only get worse, unless measures are introduced to restrain traffic. The survey showed that for all journeys except those made by bicycle, trips were slower on average in 1996 than they were in 1993. Car journey times rose by between 13% and Randeep Ramesh 18% from 1993 to 1996.

INDUSTRY

Workers break from the 9 to 5

The nine-to-five job is history, thanks to an quiet revolution which has led more than half of employees to work variable hours,

according to a report today.

Traditional Monday-to-Friday working is still common, but now it is often nine-to-five "in name only", research by the Policy Studies Institute has found.

The proportion of employees accepting longer shifts rose from 30 per cent in 1984 to 56 per cent a decade later. Often the extra hours are unpaid, but may be matched by management flexibility

nours are unpaid, but may be matched by management bettomy in allowing workers to leave early occasionally when work allows. Other forms of flexible labour, such as the use of short-term contracts, have also increased – but much less dramatically. The report, Employers' Use of Flexible Labour by Bernard Casey, Hilary Metcalf and Neil Millward, was commissioned by the Department for Education and Employment. It involved analysis of the Labour Force Survey, Workplace Industrial Relations Survey and case studies in 24 workplaces.

ENVIRONMENT

Ports put birds to flight

Britain's ports were urged yesterday to adopt new working practices to reduce the threat to hundreds of thousands of wading birds which feed on nearby mudflats.

At least 77 ports, including London, Southampton and Liverpool, are robbing coastal wildlife of vital feeding grounds. Each year almost two million waders, such as knot, dunlin and bartailed godwit, descend on Britain to feed, rest and shelter. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds argues in a report that rather than encroaching on habitats, ports should make more

use of new freight-handling technology to boost throughput, co-operate to avoid duplication of facilities, and use smaller ships and canals to reduce transhipment. Stephen Goodwin Port Development and Nature Conservation, available from the RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds. SG19 2DL, £20 plus £2.50 p&p

HEALTH

Air pollution link to lung cancer

Air pollution and lung cancer incidence are strongly linked, according to Italian researchers who used lichen as biological monitoring stations. They studied the Veneto region of northeastern Italy, home to four million people, and compared the effect of pollution on lichen biodiversity with mortality data. Lichens are sensitive to pollutants, which limit their growth and diversity. Pier Luigi Nimis and colleagues from the universities of Milan and Trieste drew a map showing the areas of highest pollution,

and cross-referenced it with disease statistics. In a letter today in the science journal Nature, they note that this showed a clear link between pollution levels and the incidence of cancer in young men. The results disclosed no pattern linking air pollution to other cancers or with lung cancer in women. But lichen biodiversity and lung cancer in men aged under 55 was "highly correlated".

The study was based on 2.425 measurements of biodiversity

the frequency of different species - at 662 points. Charles Arthur

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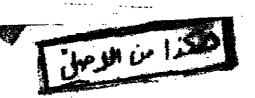
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Father tells of killer who took 'angel'

England must have seemed a haven of peace and sanity to Tracje Konev who fled his native Macedonia in the war-tom Balkans four years ago. But last Thursday afternoon his dreams were shattered when his 12-year-old daughter Katerina was strangled at

the family home in west London. Yesterday, Mr Konev gave an emotional press conference, describing the moment he came face to face with the intruder who is believed to have killed his "angel" Ka-

ter on a bus to school in the morning "It was just a usual morning. She just smiled. When you saw her face, she told you everything. You don't need to listen to words from an angel," he said.

That afternoon Mr Konev got home to find the outer door of his flat open but the door to the living room jammed shut.

At first he thought Katerina was playing games but became increas-ingly alarmed when he could not open the door. Looking through the

Mr Konev, a 41-year-old English keyhole, he saw her schoolbag on the student, told how he put his daugh- sofa and a man's black shoes. faced the press. He said the suspect, who was of Mediterranean or East-

Mr Koney ran back into the street and met the intruder face-to-face as he leapt from the window.

In broken English, he said: "He was crouched down, he was going to stand up. I saw him face on face, face on face. I said: 'What are you doing here?' He was just so calm, so cool, I can't helieve

"His eyes they didn't move, he was just looking at me, then he ran off down the street."

Mr Konev and his 31-year-old wife

ern European appearance, had a splash of blood on his face. He chased him down the street and grabbed him but the man produced

a knife, escaping on foot.

It was only when he returned to his flat that Mr Konev discovered his daughter lying injured. Katerina was later pronounced dead at hos-

Mr Koney described how proud he and his wife were of her. "She was the best. At everything she was the Zakalina, also a student, wept as they best - at maths, music, at sport, she

was perfect. She worked so hard. With friends she was so kind, All her

friends loved her.

"She was just like an angel. She liked all people, doesn't matter where they were from. For her, the world was there to love," said Mr

Mr Konev appealed to the public to help catch his daughter's killer. warning that he was very dangerous and might kill again. This is not a man, it can't be a man, it's a monster without feelings.

"To look in my face like that and be so cool, that's not a man. Animals don't kill like that, without reason. It's something I can't explain." The detective leading the murder

inquiry, Detective Superintendent Ken Woodward, said there was still no clear motive for the attack on the young girl. There was no sign of a forced en-

try to the flat nor did anything ap-pear to have been stolen. Nor did there appear to have been a sexual assault. Det Supt Woodward said: 'We don't know why it happened."

Police issued a likeness of the suspect on Tuesday as well as a blurred closed-circuit television picture. The

5ft-5in tall and stockily built. He was balding, but still had dark hair, beginning to grey. He wore a light coloured jacket, an open-necked shirt, dark trousers and dark shoes. He carried a black canvas-type bag. Mr Konev appealed to the pub-

lic: "At the first chance, tell the police, inform the police, tell somebody. We don't know how many children he could kill if we don't catch him." Anyone with information should contact the murder incident room on 0181 246 0731.

Have we had our fill of eating with Conran?

Has Sir Terence Conran's culinary cultural revolution finally gone that sun-dried tomato too far? The backlash against his empire of gastrodomes straddling the restaurant world may have begun.

It came from Fay Maschler, the long-standing food critic of the London Evening Standard. And it has drawn strong reactions in the newly lucrative world of food, where the best chefs and managers command the kind of adulation normally accorded to the better international football stars.

Ms Maschler's view was trenchant. We are being Conran-ed. In a review of Sir Terence's latest venture, the Bluebird food market and restaurant on the King's Road in Chelsea, southwest London, she wrote: "By definition, the sweet, cosy idea of the restaurant as an intimate place where patron or patroness fusses over customers, many of whom he or she knows by name, goes right out of the window ... what is put in its place is noisy anonymity; an atmosphere which could be said to foster a kind of egalitarianism where style equals content ... it is eating brought out of the boudoir, the private retreat, into the marketplace.

Yesterday Ms Maschler was unrepentant. She said: "We have now reached a situation where Terence Conran, because he is so big, can buy up all the best chefs, perhaps from smaller restaurants who have nurtured them. Yet despite that he fails to maintain the quality of the food. If he is going to be mass producer like Marks & Spencers then he ought to have the same kind of quality control.

whole experience is one of imper- open in late 1999. Conran Restaurants sonality. I am not sure people go there really for the food, but for the novelty value. They are not really regular restaurant-goers, some might say



Venturing forth: Sir Terence Conran (Photograph: Devid Rose) and his burgeoning restaurant empire has come in for criticism. they are the tunnel-and-bridge crowd niture chain is looking at broader has changed the whole image of they would have had to go to the from outside London, and it is a horizons. In future we may experi-restaurants in London. I think it has Continent to eat before. I find it very Sir Terence's brother-in-law, Antoshame they may not be sampling oth-

er restaurants. "I can see a South Sea bubble situation, the whole thing coming to grief, because there really is not an awful lot of substance. I do think there is a need to go back to restaurants which are not like factories." In addition to the Bluebird, Sir

Terence owns Quaglino's, Mezzo, Mezzonine in the West End and Soho area and four restaurants in Butler's Wharf, near Tower Bridge: Le Pont de la Tour, the Cantina, the Chop House, and the Blueprint Café. In addition, he is part owner of Bibbendum. Coming soon are the Zinc Bar & Grill, the Sartoria, and The Orrery, all in prime sites in the capital. He is also involved in The "The prices are expensive and the Great Eastern Hotel, which will say they cater for between 30,000 to 40,000 customers a week.

The man whose steady climb to fame started with the Habitat fur-

other fields. He is believed to be discussing a role with the Government which would allow him to work with various departments, including Trade and Industry and National Heritage, emphasising the importance of

But in the meantime Simon Willis, one of Sir Terence's aides, said the restaurant staff are hurt by Ms Maschler's criticism. And the success of the restaurants show the public do not share her point of view. "We believe the criticism was very unfair. what she said simply is not reflected in the feedback we get from customers. I know that people at Conran restaurants are rather distressed," he said.

Luminaries of the restaurant world are divided. Michel Roux at Le Gavroche, one of only three restaurants in London to hold two Michelin stars, said: "I think Terence Conran should be congratulated. He

ence more of the Conran effect in introduced a lot of people to eating out, and that must be good for evervone.

There is a place for both very big places like Sir Terence's as well as smaller, more intimate places. It really depends on your mood, and the kind of dining companions you have. I think Fay Maschler is wrong in her views. I know she is quite powerful, but I read her pieces with amuse-

Gordon Ramsay, fellow two Michelin star holder at Aubergine, was even more forthright. He said: Fav Maschler is harsh and vindictive in her views. She knows very little, and she tries to be clever at the expense of others. Her reviews can be extremely damaging to small restaurants which are struggling to set up, she can shut them down.

"What Terence Conran has done is wonderful. He has introduced a new kind of cuisine. People are now getting in London, the kind of food

exciting. Fay Maschler's attack is personal. And if we are going to be personal, can anyone tell me why does this woman insist on having a 25year-old photo in the top of her col-

But Anthony Worrall-Thompson, lately of dell'Ugo and about to open a new restaurant in west London. agreed with much of Ms Maschler's critique. He said: "It is a very successful formula, but one of his restaurants is much like the other. They are not for me, I am afraid I like distances to be treated like people, not not faceless numbers. I don't think he is adding to the number of people sampling the restaurant scene. Most of his customers are

tourists and from outside London. "If there is a recession I can see the whole thing collapsing. This kind of cattle process, where people sitting down at 7 pm must leave their tables by 9.30 is not the way to build up a faithful clientele."

nio Carluccio, of the Neal Street Restaurant. "He is a wonderful man, and he is doing great things. But he is also going very fast, and growing very big. I only hope he is all right in the future.

"My philosophy is summed up in an Italian saying 'good wine comes in small bottles'."

Outside the Bluebird yesterday most of the customers seemed sat-Richard Armstrong, 45, an architect, said: "It's a fun place. The food

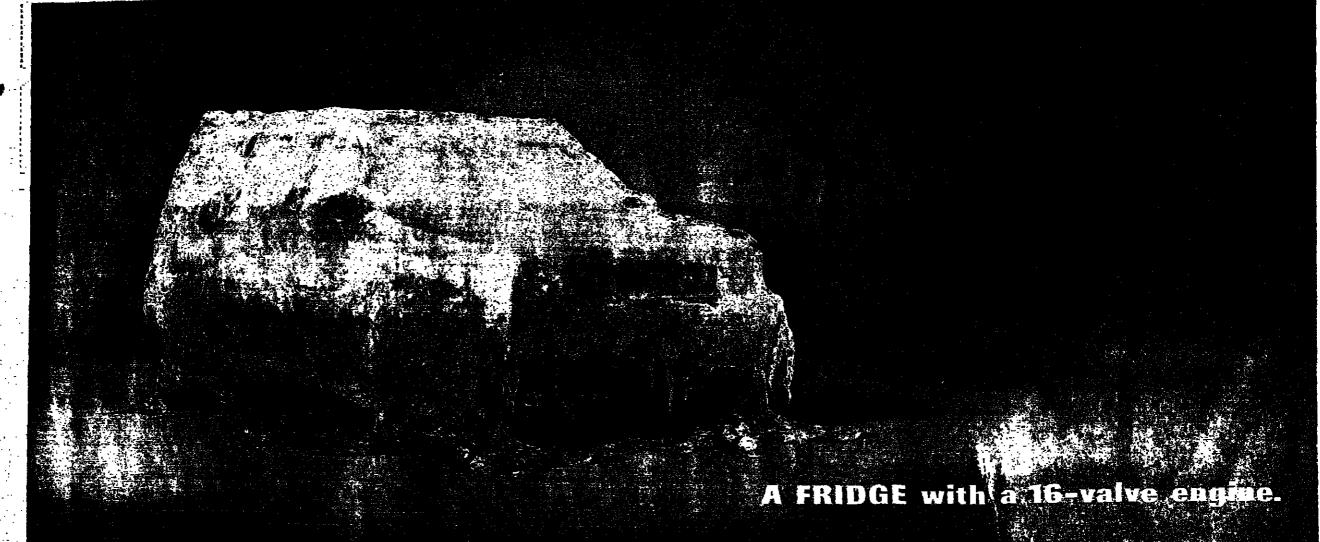
is good and it is not too expensive for this part of town. The decor 1 thought was magnificent, it's certainly worth coming to." Tommy and Linda Di Canova,

from St Petersburg, in Florida were also impressed. Mrs Di Canova said: "It's a kind of stylish place, the kind you expect to see in a sophisticated city like London. We would be proud to have something like this in



Photograph: Philip Meech

But Julia Harris, 29, from Pimlico, south-west London, was qualified in her enthusiasm. "It's the kind of restaurants you can take in small measures. It's very good for large parties, but not a place to bring someone you want to seduce."



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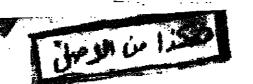
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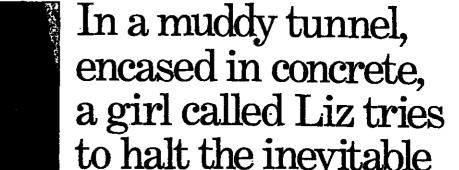
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Inch by inch, the defiant vigil of a runway protester was coming to an end last night as bailiffs tried to remove her from an 8ft-deep hole. The bespectacled young woman, Liz, an artist, had a plastic noose around her neck cut free, and officials were later trying to hack through similar ties attaching her arms and legs to concrete supports.

At one point, officials at the site of

the proposed second Manchester Airport runway gave her a shot of air with an oxygen mask, while a doctor monitored her medical condition.

Beneath Liz, and behind the entrance to the rest of the 70ft tunnel - called the Worm - was her partner, Martin, and two other male protesters.

A fellow protester said Liz was a veteran of similar demonstrations at Newbury in Berkshire. He said: "She is a determined protester ... She will do all she can peacefully to hinder the

A spokesman for the under-sheriff of Cheshire, Randal Hibbert, said yesterday: "We expect to get her out later this evening

After a meeting yesterday, the undersheriff agreed that the remaining pro-

testers - around 80 at the Sir Cliff Richard, Flywood and River Rats camps - could receive food and water every other day in a eviction likely to last up to two more weeks. Nine arrests for ob-

struction were made yesterday.

The Police Complaints Authority confirmed yesterday that it would su-pervise an investigation into two claims that police used excessive force during the start of the evictions last week. One man claimed he suffered a fractured rib and cuts in an assault by police.

Meanwhile, a separate group of demonstrators, the Sea Sabs, said they would sue the under-sheriff and individual officials over claims that one of their group was assaulted at the site. They say the incident occurred when they attempted to get into the site early on Tuesday to take batteries, films and food to protesters and to visit the Riv-

One Sab told The Independent: "We are a non-violent group and we now want to show that enough is enough. We had a legal as well as a moral right to be on the river.

A spokesman for the under-sheriff said he was unaware of the allegations and unable to comment.

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Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

Tough immigration laws that effectively bar asylum-seekers from seven countries and legislation to force employers to vet all new workers are to be abandoned by the Government.

The Home Office is currenty reviewing all asylum procedures and Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce-shortly the decision to overturn the two new measures.

He will scrap the so-called "white list" of countries whose citizens are regarded as facing no serious risk of persecution and who are unlikely to deserve protection in Britain.

Under the Asylum and Immigration Act the applications January, two million people a everyone fairly. This is why we from thousands of would-be year were expected to be are looking at the whole issue refugees from the seven countries - India, Pakistan, Ghana, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Poland and Romania - are presumed to be unsound unless proved £5,000. otherwise.

Their rights of appeal are also system will cost industry an es-

severely restricted with the introduction of a new fast-track system. The move, which came into force in October, was fiercely opposed by refugee groups who accused the Conservatives of "playing the race

The number of all cases refused asylum increased by 10,400 to 31,700 in 1996 compared with the previous year.

In a second development, the Government will not enforce new rules to compel employers to check passports or identity documents of people applying for jobs in an attempt to crack down on illegal immigrants obtaining work.

checked. It is a criminal offence to em-

Under the provision in the

employers facing a fine of up to The burden of policing the timated £25m to set up, with an der which a person who wantannual bill of £11.4m.

Labour believes that the system will deter many employers from giving jobs to ethnic minorities and could easily be side-stepped with the use of false ID papers. The Government is, however, examining the greater use of birth certificates when checks are needed.

A Home Office source said: "We are opposed to the use of the "white list".

"On the employment checks there were problems about how it would affect the employment of people from ethnic minori-He added: "We are adamant

we want a system that is firm new Act, which was passed in and fast and that deals with of asylum procedures." These are the latest immiploy an illegal immigrant, with

gration laws brought in by the Tories to be repealed by the new Government. They follow the decision to end the "primary purpose" immigration rule un-

ed to marry a British citizen was refused entry to this country if an immigration officer believed the main reason for their union was to settle in the UK. About 2,000 immigration cases were re-

fused a year because of this rule.

Claude Moraes, director of Joint Council for the Welfare of immigrants, welcomed the scrapping of the provisions. He said: "These changes are of fundamental importance. The white list" was dangerous and inflexible. The vetting of employees introduced for the first time internal immigration controls backed by criminal sanc-

tions.' But Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, condemned the change of policy on immigration.

He said: "One of the most important reasons for our good race relations in this country is that we have firm control of immigration. Firm control of immigration and good race relations go hand-in-hand."







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Transplant doctors 'altered story'



Michelle Paul: Died after taking half an ecstasy tablet

story over why a 15-year-old girl had been denied a liver transplant after taking ecstasy.

David Burnside, lawyer for Michelle Paul's family, claimed doctors at the Scottish Liver Transplant Unit in Edinburgh had decided not to operate on her for moral reasons.

But they had shifted their position in evidence given to the inquiry into Michelle's death because they realised the public would not accept that such decisions could be made on non-medical grounds, he said. Mr Burnside's allegations

came during his final submission to Sheriff Graeme Warner on the eighth and final day of a fatal accident inquiry at Aberdeen Sheriff Court. However, Norma Shippin,

transplant team had retrospectively realigned its position.

Michelle died at the liver unit in November 1995, two weeks after taking half a tablet of ecstasy at a rave near her home in Aberdeen. She had been transferred to the unit from Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Her death was one of the first recorded cases resulting from ecstasy-induced liver failure.

In his submission, the Procurator-fiscal, Alf Vannet, said he was sure the inquiry had expressed the "awful potential danger" of experimenting with drugs such as ecstasy.

Michelle's mother Carolann, 37, speaking outside the court. said she hoped the inquiry would prevent a similar tragedy happening to another child. "I said at the clowould not be early August.

Consultants at the top of the medical profession were yesterday accused of changing their many NHS Trust, rejected Mr whole thing has been handled Burnside's assertion that the looking into all the different

aspects," she said.
"I would hope something positive will come out of it - to stop something like this hap-pening to someone else's child. It has been a really traumatic experience, but I do appreciate all the time and effort that has gone into it." Mrs Paul, who has attended

every sitting of the inquiry, said she thought some lessons had already been learnt from Michelle's death and that more could be learnt. Family members said they wished to reserve further comment until Sheriff Warner had published his written determination, which he said at the close of proceedings would not be until late July or

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Britain's role in the world 1

Biggest defence review for decades

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

The Government yesterday set out its plans for what could be the most fundamental review of defence and foreign policy since Denis Healey withdrew British forces from east of Suez in 1966. The review, Britain's Defence. Securing our Future Together is to be completed in six
months - by the "turn of the"

The review, Mr Robertson said yesterday, "will be foreign policy-led. We will work jointly fence. Securing our Future To-gether is to be completed in six

year", according to George Robertson, the new Secretary of State for Defence.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was not on the podium at the MoD yesterday, having attended the historic Paris summit on Tuesday, when Nato buried its hatchet with Russia after more than half a century.



with the Foreign Office to es-tablish a policy baseline that will The opposition attacked the

decision to launch a review so soon after the election. "Tony Blair said we need a period of Nicholas Soames, the former Armed Forces Minister, told The Independent. "Instead, they are rushing headlong into a

draw is a smaller budget and all that goes with it. A diminution of Britain's role in the world. In response to questions, Mr Robertson admitted that an in-

the most radical ideas, including fusing the three armed services into one, were non-starters. But otherwise he refused to predict the conclusions that the six-month review might reach. He stressed the review would be as open as possible, including widespread participa-

cluding widespread participation by people outside the inner
sanctum of the MoD.
The Foreign Secretary,
Robin Cook, and Mr Robertson
would hold two major seminars
"with a wide range of outside experts in the coming weeks to address the policy baseline for the
review," he said. "In parallel, I
will set up a panel of experts. I will set up a panel of experts. I will also make arrangements to involve the opposition parties and the Parliamentary Defence committees. I should like all those with ideas - the press and the public as well - with ideas on policy and the best use of resources to put them forward."

If Mr Robertson means what

he says, the new Government intends to reappraise Britain's role in the world. But it cannot escape the fact that this is the third major defence review in 10 years. Following Options for Change and Front Line First,

Fighting power: A Sea Harrier taking off from the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, currently stationed in the Adriatic. The Government's defence review will re-examine the role of such aircraft Photograph: Reuters

conducted under the Tories, the new Government either has to make more fundamental choices - abolishing Britain's commitment to large-scale, "high-intensity" first-division war, relegating the British Army to a second-division gendarmerie, and possibly scrapping hugely expensive defence programmes like the four-nation Eurofighter project which is expected to cost Britain £15.4 bn.

The last government committed Britain to building 230 Eurofighters, and the new Government remains committed so far. Alternatively, the Government might give this up but still try to retain Britain's ability to punch above its weight in he world arena - which Mr

Robertson praised yesterday. There are very few international conflicts where people don't want British troops there," he said. And, without giving away the conclusions of the review, "it is acknowledged that some aspects of high intensity warfare are crucial to peacekeeping. When I was in Bosnia last week. I saw some of the mightiest armour ever de-ployed deployed there." Those who sought a simplistic choice between retaining the ability to win a high-intensity, pig-iron war, and a peacekeeping gen-

darmerie were disappointed. The Government was at pains to stress what it called the "deand to establish the widest pos-

Labour strategic review. I want it to be Britain's defence resaid he wanted the nation to come to a common view on defence and Britain's role in the world, and that it should not be-

The new Government has MoD spending plans for the next two years. Thereafter, any-

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veloping consensus on defence sible shared vision about Britain's future security needs and the tasks of the armed forces. "I don't want this to be a

Britain's role in the world 2

Short spells out mission to cut poverty

Steve Crawshaw

A "major shift" in government policy on aid was signalled yesterday by Clare Short in her first major speech since becoming Secretary of State for International Development.

Speaking at the School of Oriental and African Studies, in London, she criticised the weight given to "political and commercial considerations" by the former Tory government.

But she spoke in upbeat terms of the possibilities of global change, suggesting that her own department could be redundant within a generation, because of the elimination of world poverty - "not alleviate, eliminate".

Ms Short argued: "I hope that within 25 to 30 years both the aid programme and my department will be closed down because our basic task has been accomplished." She insisted, too, that there

it is usually understood. "The syndrome described as compassion fatigue is not a loss of compassion, but a general despondency because progress seems so evasive. I believe that as we set targets and begin to meet them, public support for development will grow." She had warm words for Lynda Chalker, her predecessor

at the department, then known as the Overseas Development Administration. "I respect and admire Lynda Chalker for the efforts that she made to sustain the quality and quantity of the aid programme. But she insisted that Baroness

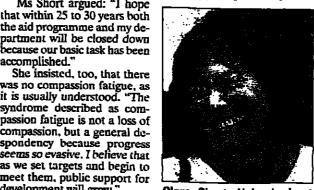
Chalker was working with her hands tied, because of the attitudes of the previous government. "She was fighting a battle against impossible odds.

She said that, given the public emphasis placed by the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, on "ethical considerations" in foreign policy, she would be less at odds with the politically-minded Foreign Office than Lady Chalker was.

She referred to the problems which the government created for itself, with the Pergau dam affair, when aid funds were spent on commercial projects. But she acknowledged that there was still likely to be "creative tension" between her de-

Ms Short noted that aid has steadily been cut, in recent years. In 1979, she said, the Labour government spent 0.51 per cent of Gross National Product (Gnp) on aid, a figure that was "rising steadily". Now, the figure was "0.27 per cent and has been cut steadily." She re-iterated Labour's target of increasing the size of the aid programme, to match a United Nations target of 0.7 per cent, while this year staying "within

existing departmental budgets". But, when asked to give a date for achieving the 0.7 per cent figure, she was dismissive, "I am increasingly exasperated by those

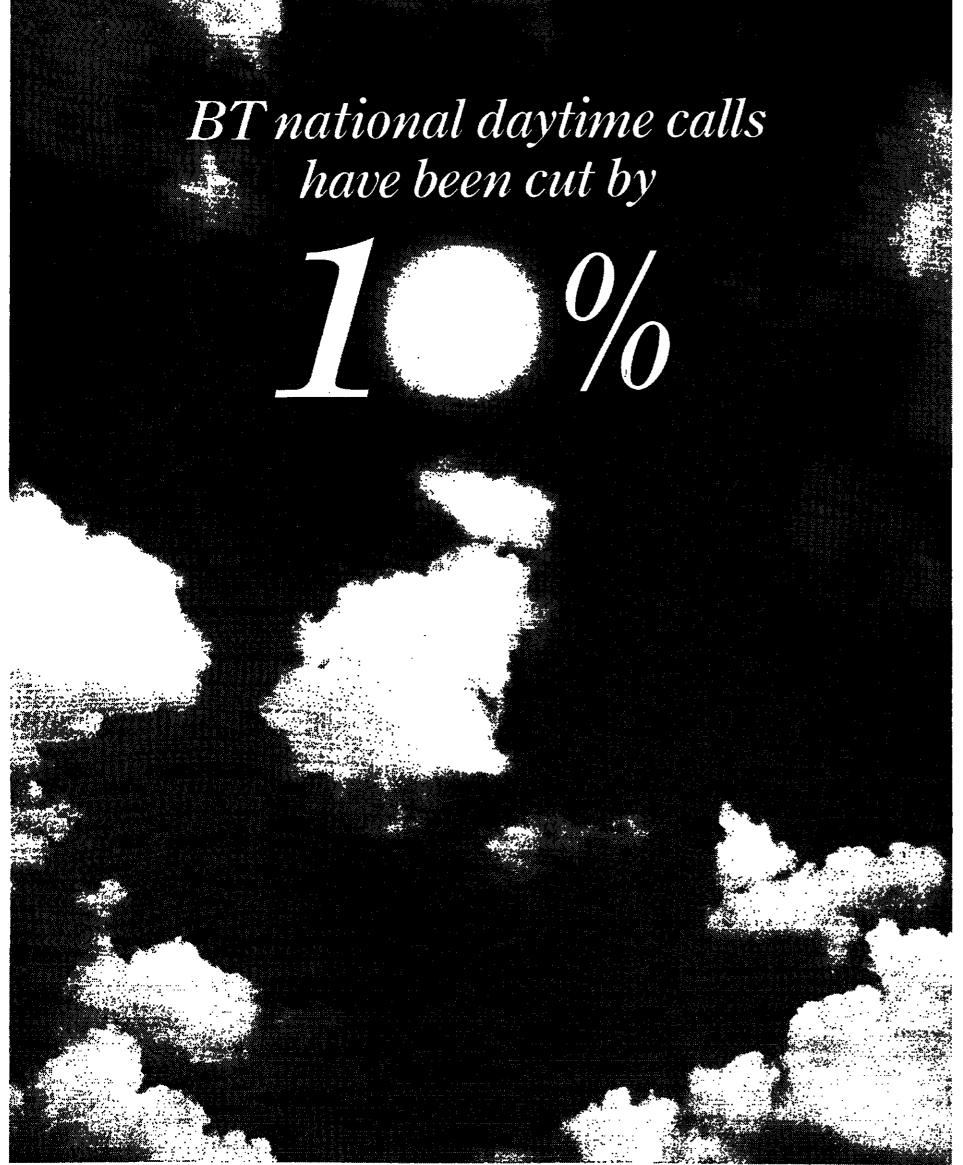


Clare Short: Upbeat about elimination of world poverty

who think that the size of the aid budget is the only important thing," she said, insisting that Labour's commitment to increasing the spending on aid was "not about quick headlines".

Ms Short said it was "essential" to ensure coherence between the UK aid programme, on the one hand, and policy on trade and debt, on the other. "It is precisely to give that sort of coherence that the Department of International Development has been created." The new department comes with a seat at the Cabinet table attached, a personal victory for Ms Short.

She packaged all her talk of aid yesterday with an emphasis on "sensibly regulated market economy", and on the obser-vance of human rights. She talked of "partnership" with governments, but insisted that partner governments "must be committed to the creation of the right economic and political environment".



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No short cut to slimming, say doctors

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Slimming pills offer no cure for the overweight and should only be taken by very fat people when all else has failed, specialists say.

There is no short cut to shedding flab and pills only work when combined with diet, exercise and changes in lifestyle. But ludicrous claims are made for commercial remedies which promise dangerous levels of

weight loss, the experts say. The first report to set out standards of good practice for the treatment of overweight and obese patients, published vesterday by the Royal College of Physicians, says anti-obesity drugs should only be prescribed to those medically defined as ohese in whom other weight loss measures, such as diet and exercise, have failed.

No one should take the drugs for more than a year and they should be stopped early if the individual has failed to lose 10 per cent of his or her weight after three months.

Obese individuals are defined as those with a body mass index over 30. This is a measure of fatness obtained by dividing weight in kilograms by height in metres squared. The ideal BMI is 20 to 25 and above 25 is defined as overweight. A more direct measure of overweight is a waist measurement of 40 inches in men and 37 in women which is associated with increased medical problems.

The report was commissioned by the last government in response to concern that private slimming clinics were handing out pills without proper medical checks. Dr Peter Kopelman, chairman of the working party and an expert on obesity, said pills should never he used as the first line of attack. The svelte ideal is not achievable with these drugs," he said.

"Slimming" pills was a misnomer because the only acceptable drugs in the treatment of obesity suppress appetite



pressant, above, but diet and exercise is the only way to get rid of bulging bellies, right

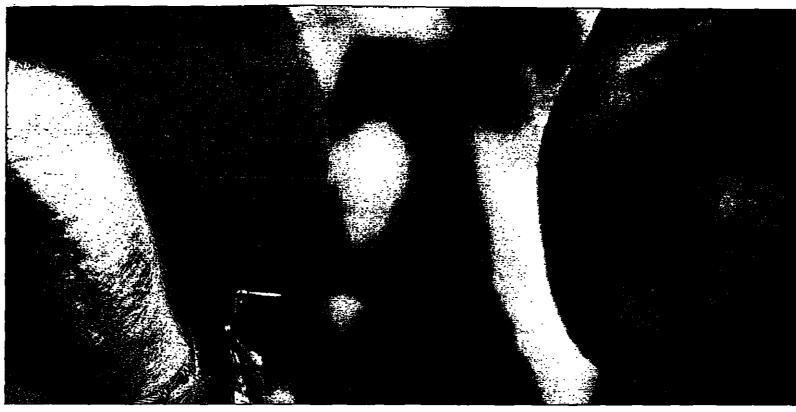
ner. Drugs which stimulate the burning of extra energy such as amphetamines and thyroid hormone should never be used because of their addictive properties, the report says.

Dr Kopelman said commercial weight loss preparations advertised in the media were not medicines and had not been scientifically evaluated. "We are concerned about these because the claims made for weight loss are totally unrealistic and if they were achieved they would be dangerous.

He said the use of drugs in very fat people was justified be-cause obesity was a serious medical condition with an increased risk of joint disorders, heart disease and diabetes, but patients should be warned about side effects. Even a 10 per cent weight loss could significantly reduce these risks.

Although people tended to put weight back on after stop-ping the drugs, more research was needed into their longterm safety before they could be recommended for more than 12

Professor David London, a member of the working party, said private slimming clinics had a duty to inform the patient's own GP when they were



embarrassed by obesity, they may go to a private clinic without telling their GP and end up know about all the others." getting a double dose of drugs

being treated. "People are which could be dangerous. It is obesity published last month very important that everyone concluded that appetite sup-involved in treatment should pressants can lead to large the NHS Centre for Reviews because they found obesity tended to ignore the problem A review of treatments for tend to plateau after six months. funded by the Department of treat. Getting rid of excess flab health issue.

The report, published as an Health, said fat people got lit- was a laborious task and the Effective Healthcare Bulletin, by the help from family doctors goal was so elusive that GPs weight loss but the benefits and Dissemination, which is too frustrating a condition to even though it was a major

The facts on fat

Obesity in England doubled between 1980 and 1994 from 6 per cent to 13.8 per cent of men and from 8 per cent to 17.3 per cent of women. Half the adult population is overweight

Matters are worse in the United States where a 1991 survey showed one third of the white population of both sexes were obese. In-Germany, a 1990 survey showed 17.2 per cent of men and 19.3 per cent of Women were obese.

Obesity is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or above. A man who measures 5ft 10in and weighs 15-stone is obese as is a woman of 5ft 7in weighing 13st 10ths. BMI is a measure of fatness derived by dividing weight in kilograms by height in metres squared.

Medical staff told to expose sick colleagues

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that sick colleagues are putting said that taken together Jenkpatients at risk must raise the alarm even if that means breaching medical confidentiality, an inquiry has concluded.

The inquiry into the case of Amanda Jenkinson, an intensivecare nurse at Bassetlaw Hospital, Nottinghamshire, who was jailed for five years in 1996 for harming a patient, calls for a change of culture in the National Health Service to ensure that staff who pose a threat are identified before they can do harm.

There is no "absolute duty" of confidentiality but NHS professionals show a "marked and noticeable reluctance" to pass on information to colleagues that could be important to protext the safety of patients, it says.

Jenkinson, 37, was convicted

at Nottingham Crown Court, after a three-year police investigation, of causing grievous bodily harm to a patient. It was alleged that she had tampered with life-support equipment to discredit colleagues. The inquiry, commissioned

North Nottinghamshire Health Authority, makes 29 recommendations for improving recruitment practices, the checking of medical records and better communication. It suggests nurses might serve a probationary period in any new job and two months later that their occupational health gross misconduct.

record should move with them. Doctors and nurses who believe Richard Bullock, a solicitor, inson's references revealed a pattern of a "somewhat prickly character who had difficulty accepting guidance, let alone dis-

cipline or superior authority". The Royal College of Nursing said patient safety was paramount but a balance had to be struck between protecting patients and stigmatising nurses with minor, especially psychiatric, illnesses.

Following the case of Beverley Allitt, a nurse at Grantham Hospital, Lincolnshire, who was given 13 life sentences in 1993 for murdering four children and attacking a further nine. NHS trusts stepped up efforts to screen out unsuitable employees. Nervous employers blacklisted anyone with a history of mental illness.

said the "blame culture" in the NHS had to be replaced with one which was more supportive. A nurse at the centre of an inquiry into the deaths of four patients at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, was still being questioned by po-lice yesterday following her ar-

A spokesman for the college

rest on Tuesday. Kathleen Atkinson was suspended from her intensive care post a year ago and dismissed two months later for alleged

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Vanishing Twin

By John Burnside

I remember the fields of grain in my sister's dream. the fox on the wall of the church, the slow pull of the river,

but how could she see, when I was suspended in gold, an amniotic light, a steady pulse against the newly-furnished bone?

She bled away. But sometimes I wake in the dark and feel her with me, breathing through the sheets, or I num in the shimmer of day and catch her out:

my opposite, though still identical. she's reaching down to haul me from a web of hirthmarks, age lines, scars beneath the skin.

"Vanishing Twin" comes from John Burnside's sixth collection of poems. A Normal Skin. just published by Jonathan Cape (£7). Cape also publishes Burnside's first novel. The Dumb

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Clarke takes leadership cue from Blair

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Kenneth Clarke last night made a flattering bid to imitate Tony Blair's success in modernising new Labour - with a call for "a new Conservatism.

In his first speech for the Tory leadership contest, the former chancellor of the Exchequer said: "In opposition, the party organisation takes on a critical new importance. I believe we must overhaul and revitalise our organisation at every level, so that, just as it did for Labour under Blair, party reform becomes the instrument for the widest possible participation in a new Conservatism."

Mr Clarke told the luns of Court Conservative Association, in London, that once the leadership election rules had been changed. towards the end of the year, he would resubmit himself for reelection under the new rules.

But as Michael Howard, the former home secretary, indicated in a speech to constituency Conservative association chairmen at a Westminster meeting last night, that is now becoming common ground among the candidates.

for election under the new rules as

ly next year. But the incumbent has an undoubted advantage, and few believe the party at large would wish to oust a new leader so soon after his first election next month.

centre-point of Tory attack on Labour, which, he said. was preparing to cook the books which we left in apple-pie order". But he warned that the most vital task faced by the Conservatives was to create a fighting machine that could win again. "The Conservative Party is a party of pow-

In his maiden campaign speech,

er, or it is nothing," he said. That meant unity, and an end to in-fighting, but also creating "a positive, popular force which can reach out and appeal to those groups which the parliamentary party now under-represents: to women, to the young, to the cities, to Scotland and Wales".

Mr Howard said: "I promise that Mr Howard told his meeting, if I am elected, I shall stand again however, that the Tories had been written off after the 1945 Labour soon as that can be arranged."

That opens up the prospect of the new leader standing down as John Major did in 1995, in order

Witten the the prospect of landslide, but they almost got back five years later and Chincipal was returned to office in 1951. "Finangular gurating 13 years of Tory administration of the property of the prospect of the prospect of the prospect of the property of the prospect of the pros to defend his own leadership, ear- tration. So, yes, we have a way to climb. But we are climbing Snow-

don, not Everest". Earlier, leadership contender John Redwood told a press conference that his own version of the "green" crusade meant môre at-Mr Clarke said last night that the economy would be the "absolute" tractive public transport, without penalising car drivers, and a concerted nalising car drivers, and a concerted programme to increase water supply through a curb on leakages.

> ed that he was not intent on taking the party to the right, but was running a mainstream campaign. "We don't want to run a faction," he said. "We want to run the Conservative Party as a whole in the interests of the wider electorate.

'I am fed up with all this rightleft stuff. We are Conservatives. We believe in common-sense principles. It is high time we were proud of those principles and got out there and told people why we believe in them, why they would be-good for them."



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Who's backing who? How Tory MPs line up behind the candidates

Apart from the hard-core campaigners, who have declared their support for each of the six Conservative leadership candidates, there are unofficial lists of potential supporters collected by each camp. The Independent has identified more than 100 Conservative MPs from those lists, and while some might be mistaken - particularly with MPs wanting to consuit their local parties before casting their votes on 10 June – they could provide a rough indication of the way in which the first-round voting might be weighted. (Commons campaign team members in bold)

KENNETH CLARKE:

David Curry (joint campaign manager), Michael Jack (joint campaign manager), with support declared by: Michael Mates, John Gummer, Ian Taylor.

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Possible supporters include: Richard Ottaway, Croydon S. (6)

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lan Bruce, S Dorset; Sir Archie Hamilton, Epsom and Ewell: Oliver Heald, NE Hentfordshire; Andrew Mackay, Bracknell; Patrick McLoughlin, W Derbyshire; David Tredinnick, Bosworth. (19)

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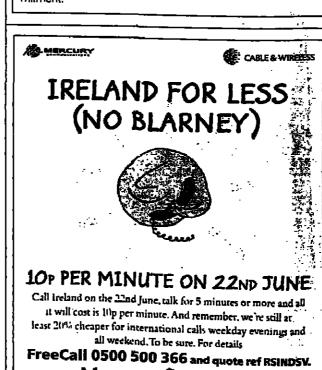
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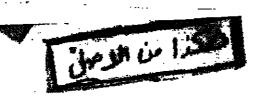
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lain Duncan Smith (campaign manager), with support declared by: Angela Browning, Marion Roe, Andrew Hunter, Julian Brazier, David Wilshire, John Wilkinson, Julian Lewis, Oliver Letwin, Howard Flight, Laurence Robert-

son. (11) A number of names have been mooted at Westminster including some of the MPs who had the whip withdraw following a European Union revolt, but some of them deny a commitment to Mr Redwood, and say there is no bloc com-



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Channel 5 gets poor reception as viewers vote with off-switch

Paul McCann and Janine Gibson

The first cracks are appearing in Channel 5's two-month-old launch strategy as it struggles with half its target ratings and a fall in its forecast advertising

The channel's much publicised "stripped and stranded" schedule - where programmes appear at the same time every night - is being scrapped for one of its flagship programmes, one of its few well-known presenters is distancing himself from his show and its breakfast output is being revamped.

Since its launch in March Channel 5 has been putting highlights of its celebrity gossip show Exclusive on after its 9pm film in order to keep its Jack Docherty chat show "stripped" at the same time every night -11pm - even when preceding

films end early. Now the channel is dropping the fixed start time for *The Jack* Docherty Show because of the weakness of the Exclusive show - an acknowledgement, according to an insider, that "it is programmes that make schedules not the other way round".

Exclusive, which is watched by just 150,000 viewers in a peak time slot, is being relaunched in Channel 5 speak "evolved"

- so that its presenter, the Virgin Radio DJ Jono Coleman, does fewer reports. There are also rumours that the other presenter, Jason Roberts, is

Upset is also expected on the channel's breakfast show where ITN, Channel 5's main news provider, shares production duties with FT TV, which is owned by one of its shareholders, Pearson. FTTV was deemed by programming director Dawn Airey to be too inexperienced to take on the whole show itself but has now seen off ITN and will be running the show itself.

Because it is on while the other channels are weak the breakfast news gets one of the channel's biggest audience

The source of the channel's problems is a weaker-than expected signal which means that only around 50 per cent of the population can even see it rather than the 65 to 70 per cent expected before launch.

This has given the channel a viewing share of around 2.5 per cent - a quarter of Channel 4's share and a twelfth of ITV's compared with a target for the first year of 5 per cent.

On average just 11 per cent of the population is watching at least three minutes of the channel every day during the week



ending 18 May. Some of its programmes are getting so few viewers, under 30,000, that the programmes do not appear in

the BARB rating figures.

All this has provoked Zenith Media, the country's largest buyer of advertising air time, to lower its forecast of how much money Channel 5 will make this year from around £95m to

"Advertisers aren't trying to get their money back," said Mike Gorman, media director

of Saatchi & Saatchi. "But the channel has to keep playing their ads over and over again to get up to the ratings they

"It means they haven't room to take any more ads and are endangering future relationships with advertisers."

Much now hinges on the channel's broadcast of the England versus Poland World Cup football qualifying match this Saturday. The channel hopes it will provoke people who are yet

to tune-in their televisions - as opposed to their videos - to do

It is running poster and radio advertisements telling peo-ple to tune-in their televisions for the match so it can keep them once the game is over. Some insiders believe the heavyweight video retuning campaign has confused people about the difficulty of tuning in their televisions.

"Saturday is a watershed for the channel," said Mr Gor-

man. "They have to make the effort to get people to retune and they have to promote all of their other programmes des-

perately during the match. It is

huge one-off opportunity." However, the channel is dogged by the expectation that many football fans will travel to their local pub to watch the game, as they are used to doing to watch matches on satellite, rather than retune at home.

The England match, a "tune in your TV advertising cam-

Direct Line pays price of challenge

Paul McCann Media Correspondent

Out of tune: Jack Docherty, left, who hosts

C5's chat show, and Jono

Exclusive. Observers think

Coleman, below, presen

the exclusive coverage this Saturday of Alan Shearer, bottom, and the England team's World Cup

match in Poland could

make or break the channel

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Sally Osman, head of corporate affairs at Channel 5. "We are

two months old and the pro-

gramming is evolving. That is

the beauty of running so many

live shows, they can evolve and

change as we go along."

There is no relaunch," said

of the gossip show

You wouldn't want to be the advertising man who thought of this one. A multi-million pound television and newspaper campaign by the Direct Line finan-cial services company was launched this week challenging other mortgage lenders to answer four questions about their service. Now the campaign has backfired and Direct Line is having to pay hundreds of thousands of pounds to promote one of its rivals who can indeed say

"yes" to the questions.

First Direct, the telephone bank owned by the Midland Bank, took up the so-called Di-rect Line Challenge that has been running on television and in full-page advertisements in the national press all week.

Direct Line offered to allow any of its rivals who could match it on four customer service points to appear in its television commercials.

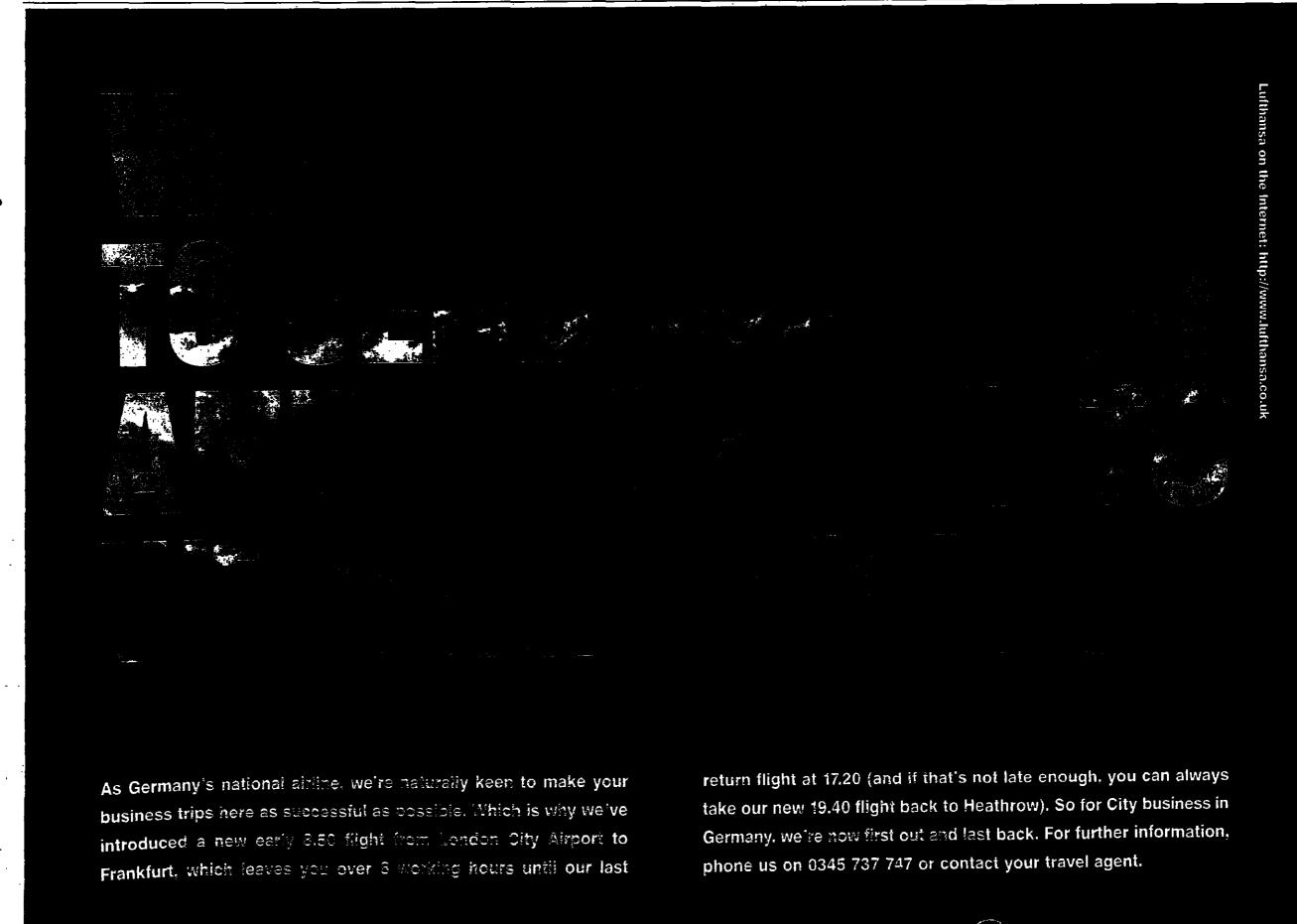
The advertisements ran last night in some of television's most expensive airtime, including the Champions League Final and News at Ten on ITV and Friends and ER on Channel Four. Advertising industry air-time buyers estimate First Direct received promotion worth at least £260,000.

"It looks as if Direct Line didn't do their homework very well," said a spokeswoman for First Direct. "It was a strange challenge because we've been saying yes to all four questions for years."

First Direct wanted to use the free advertisement to set four challenges to Direct Line - including matching their open on Christmas Day policy - but was limited to saying yes to each of Direct Line's four questions.

Direct Line recorded the advertisement starring a First Direct spokesman yesterday morning and was putting a brave face on the debacle. "We have no qualms at all about them sharing our airtime," said a spokeswoman. "This is a blow for clarity in a confused market."





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Arts News Editor

A bored chartered accountant set up a lilm company. A former comedy double act came up with a script. The bizarre plot concerns two Americans living inside a London gasometer. And the end result looks like being one of the biggest British hits since Four Weddings and a

Shooting Fish. a cult hit at the Cannes Film Festival, has become the first film part-financed by the National Lottery to return its £980,000 lottery handout because it has already gone into profit three months before its official release.

The north American rights for the ro-mantic comedy starring, British actress Kate Beckinsale and Americans Stuart Townsend and Dan Futterman, have been bought by Fox Searchlight Pictures.

£980,000 award as he is obliged to do when a lottery-financed film recoups its costs. The \$3m (£1.8m) movie has already made \$4m in worldwide sales. His is the only one of the 62 films financed by the lottery to make a profit so far - just about more interesting than being and, astonishingly, the film has not yet opened anywhere in the world.

The creative team is headed by di-

Gary Smith, 40, a former accountant with Coopers & Lybrand, set up his film company Winchester Multimedia four years ago. At Cannes he co-ordinated a campaign for his film which included T-shirts, badges, CD-Roms and a word of mouth promotion one couldn't miss.

Unofficial screenings were packed out. The film also contains an oddity which reflects his background - product placement by a firm of accountants. The

Yesterday executive producer Gary KPMG's sponsored horse race, with Smith announced he was returning the Peter O'Sullivan commentating.

"I always wanted to run my own company. Gary Smith said vesterday: The British Film Industry has always lacked financial discipline and strong marketing. I have brought both. I suppose it is just about more interesting than being

rector Stefan Schwartz and producer Richard Holmes, who started as a comedy double act, the Gruber Brothers, at

York University 10 years ago. The president of Fox Searchlight Pictures, Lindsay Law, said: "We found it to be a wonderfully clever film with real commercial potential. What clinched it for us, however, was Winchester's tremendous marketing preparation for the movie." Gary Smith's marketing climax of the film is the accountancy firm strategy includes the release of the sound

track by the team responsible for the Trainspotting sound track - with one of the bands used, Passion Star, signed to Winchester's record label, part of Smith's tactic of integrating marketing activities. Filmed entirely in Britain, Shooting

Fish follows the fortunes of two 20-somethings who aim to fleece the rich but are turned by the more altruistic Kate Beckinsale into Nineties Robin Hoods. The Arts Council has agreed to help fund with lottery money the next two projects from Winchester Films, Raving

Beauties starring Steve Coogan, and An Inch over the Horizon, with Bob Hoskins.

Gary Smith said he opposed lottery money going to established commercial filmmakers. Those people who just bleat and moan about the lack of support, and call for tax breaks for the film industry should do what we do - get off their backsides and do some hard work."

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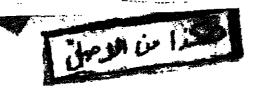
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How to sack bad teachers and improve standards -by heads' union leader

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Lucy Ward Education Correspondent

Failing teachers should be sacked if their pupils do not achieve expected test and examination results, a head-teachers' leader said yesterday.

Measuring teachers' performance against results targets would be one way of speeding up time-consuming procedures for dismissing staff who are not up to the job, according to David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers.

His suggestions - which echo a proposal made by the Conservative government - will be welcomed by parents concerned that their children's education is suffering because of inadequate teaching. At present, a complex seven-stage dismissal process can mean schools take as long as two years to get rid of poor staff.

Mr Hart's call came as Labour ministers called on teachers' unions and school employers for help in developing a "firm but fair" fast-track approach for dealing with failing teachers.

Stephen Byers, the minister for school standards, said the Government was not prepared to join a "conspiracy of si-lence" to protect inadequate

"There is a minority of teachers who are not doing a good job and their failure is damaging the educational opportunities of our children ... These are children who don't get a second chance," he said.

A means of removing had teachers quickly is essential if Labour is to succeed in its crusade to raise standards - where necessary by closing down poor schools and re-opening them with a new head and some new

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nia have?

Speaking on the second day of the NAHT's annual conference in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, Mr Hart said headteachers were as frustrated as parents and governors at the time being taken to sack incompetent staff. Schools were already under pressure following the introduction

dures involving an informal, oral, written and final warning to poor staff, followed by two dismissal hearings and an appeal before governors. In some cases, local authorities prolonged the process through fear of expensive legal action if procedures are not followed to the letter.

the process would involve linking dismissal procedures with the Government's plans for achievement targets for schools, departments and individual teachers, Mr Hart predicted. For staff, the indicators are likely to include pupils' exam and test results.

Heads would welcome any evidence which could be produced in support of steps they have to take to deal with the small minority of teachers who were not up to the job, he added.

Teachers may also be made to undergo compulsory appraisal as part of government plans to weed out incompetents. Where necessary, the findings could be used to contribute to

Calls by heads for sacking by results provoked strong opposition from the leader of the largest teaching union.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "This is a surprising U-turn. Mr Hart has alvays been opposed to judging schools by their results. Judgment by results is a Victorian concept which has no place in

He blamed "weak and inadpart of heads and governing ing procedures to deal with incompetence, and challenged Mr Byers to analyse the problem before "rushing for a fast-track so-

Heads should work to prevent a teacher's performance deteriorating to the level of incompetence, he said.

and budgets based on pupil recruitment, making it "very risky for any head to tolerate a failing teacher in their school".

But heads are being ham-pered by "convoluted" proce-

One means of accelerating

competency procedures.

today's education system."

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ost children come home after 50 years

They were orphans, or so they thought, abandoned at birth into the care of Roman Catholic nuns and then transported halfway across the world to populate Australia with good, white British stock.

Thousands of children were shipped to Perth after the Second World War as part of a mi-gration scheme designed to relieve overcrowded orphanages in Britain and Ireland. Many who boarded the ocean liners for the six-week voyage thought they were going on holiday. When these lost children, as

they call themselves, found out that they were never coming home, they accepted their lot and made their lives in Australia. It was only a few years ago, as middle-aged adults, that they learnt that they were not orphans after all. They had been born into poverty, or to un-married mothers. Many had family living in Britain.

Yesterday a group of 40 women returned to their native country, some for the first time, to try to retrace surviving relatives. They called it a pilgrim-age, a sentimental journey, and emotions were raw when they stepped on to the arrivals concourse at Heathrow airport.

Rose Kruger, 61, wept as she older sister whom she left behind in an Edinburgh orphanage in 1947. "I never imagined I would see her again," she said. "I have thought so many times about the relationships that I lost."

Eileen Ashby was eight when she arrived in Australia to be brought up by the Sisters of

Perth. "I had no idea how far I was going. I had never heard the word Australia before, and I thought it was around the next

corner," she said. The nuns told her that her family were dead. "They didn't realise that although we were little kids, we were going to grow

said Mrs Ashby, 57. "All I wanted to know was who I was and where I came from."

After lengthy enquiries, she found out that she had nine brothers and sisters and that her parents were alive. "It took me 30 years to trace them. I feel very bitter. I missed out on family life,

on all the love and attention." For the women, particularly those who have been unable to trace relatives, their fellow "orphans" have become substitute families. Many remain angry at the successive British govern-

ments that sanctioned the child immigration programme. Their trip home was partly some reluctance, that the pro- a very harsh experience."

funded by the two religious orders that cared for them as children, and was timed to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the start of the transports.

Sister Leonie O'Brien, of the Perth-based Sisters of Mercy, was at Heathrow to greet them. She acknowledged, with

ceived. "It was a different era," she said. "The British government had all these children in

orphanages after the war. "Australia was a young country with a very small population. At the time it must have seemed right, but for the children it was

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Sarah Helm The Hague

Invoking the spirit of the Marshall Plan, the massive United States aid programme for postwar Europe, Bill Clinton yes-terday called for a new drive to secure a united Europe with swift enlargement to the east.

Speaking in the Hague, at a ceremony to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Marshall plan, the US President said: We have a second chance to complete the job that Marshall and his generation began."

Mr Clinton also used the occasion to endorse the European Union's latest moves towards deeper integration. saying that integration was "good for Europe, for the US and therefore for the world".

Coming just two months be-fore the EU launches the first stage of eastwards enlargement. by pronouncing on the readiness of would-be member states to join, Mr Clinton's words will be taken as strong encouragement by eastern and central European states. However, the day-long celebrations were marked by elaborate symbolism and visions of grand design, rather than substance or pledges of Marshall-style money.

simply say to the countries of central and eastern Europe we want you to develop democracy and luck." But he also stressed that will have to come from pri-

Fifty years after the Marshall Plan, US pledges support but not cash

must come from further private investment, and political support in building democracy.
Wim Kok, Prime Minister of

the Netherlands, which holds the EU presidency, said as much as \$100bn could be needed simply to build the infrastructure in prospective eastern



funds for eastern expansion

European members in readiness for union. He proposed a Euro-Atlantic conference later this Mr Clinton said: "We cannot year to promote ways of channelling private funds towards such projects. "It is only because of the sheer magnitude of these economic prosperity - and good needs, that most of the money

European aid to eastern Europe vate investment," Mr Kok said. The gathering at The Hague came the day after the US President and other European leaders had joined in equally momentous speech-making at the signing of a new security pact between Nato and Russia in Paris. Picking up the Paris themes of partnership and uni-ty, they yesterday asserted that what the Nato-Russia pact had achieved for security, they were determined to achieve now on an economic level.

Much was said about "summoning the spirit of the Marshali plan", and Mr Clinton, in particular, emphasised how the European Union institutions of today had in many ways sprung from way the Marshall programme encouraged European countries to co-operate.

In the evening Mr Clinton unveiled a statue of General George Marshall in Rotterdam, the Dutch city flattened during the war and rebuilt into the world's busiest port with the help of Marshall funds.

The Marshall Plan offered a cure not a crutch. It was never a hand-out, it was always a hand up ... The European nations grabbed that lifeline, cooperating as never before with

Asked whether his support for continued European integration extended to backing economic and monetary union, Mr Clinton again invoked the Marshall approach, by saying it was up to Europeans to further their integration. "The United States does give clear support to integration - we are not only not threatened by it, we are excited by it and support it. But it is up to you to do it and with your own timetable," he said. President Clinton and Eu-

rope's leaders, who avoided mention of current EU-US trade disputes and signed in-stead new small-scale trade agreements, spoke of the need to maintain strong US-EU ties.
"Today I affirm to the people

of Europe – as George Marshall did – America stands with you. We have learned the lessons of history. We will not walk away." However, Mr Clinton's emphasis on the US bequest to Europe of peace and prosperity may well have caused irritation in some capitals, particular Paris, where trans-Atlanticism is not always a favourite theme.

terday's ceremony, no doubt pre-occupied by the elections. Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, also stayed away, sending John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister in his place. Mr Blair will have his own private meetings with Mr Clinton in London which the latter visits today.



Savage sky: A tornado near the west Texas town of Jarrell where 30 people were killed

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Texas tornadoes kill

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David Usborne New York

Central Texas was trying to pick itself up yesterday after suffering a string of powerful tor-nadoes on Tuesday that left at least 32 people dead and wide swaths of devastation.

Worst hit was the small town of Jarrell, 40 miles north of Austin, where 30 residents were killed in a single housing estate that was literally razed. As well as the shock of so much loss of life, the population was strug-gling yesterday to digest the heer extent of the destruction. "It's not there any more," said deputy sheriff RB Raby. "I don't know of anything anyone can do.

It's just a flat vacant field". Such was the power of the

tornadoes that even the pavement had been lifted. Fields were scattered with dead cows, telephone lines were snapped and vehicles were overturned. Ray Westphal described

watching as one tornado ap-

proached his business in Cedar Park, 25 miles from Jarrell. At first it looked about two inches high, he said, and then suddenly took up all of the horizon. "As it got closer, building tops were flying around. It was picking cars right up in the air, fling-

ing them everywhere". The storms were the worst to strike Texas for a decade: in 1987, 30 people were killed in Saragosa. Storms that swept through the state in 1953 and in 1902 both left 114 people dead.

Gore the heir apparent faces early power play

Mary Dejevsky Washington

While President Clinton is playing transatlantic statesman in Europe and trying, through lawyers, to fend off sex allegations at home, the first stirrings can be detected of a drama whose denouement is at least three years away: the contest for the United States presidency in the year 2000.

Until very recently, there was an assumption that, on the Democrat side at least and barring accidents, the candidacy was de-cided. Al Gore, Vice-President during Bill Clinton's two terms, who will be only 52 at the time of the next election, would be the Democrats' choice. That, it was believed, was the deal when Mr Gore agreed to run for vicepresident in 1992.

But it is not a foregone conclusion. Lacklustre speeches and diplomatic misjudgments from Mr Gore, plus Clinton scandals, could negate the Vice-

President's advantage.

If there is to be a contest, however, one aspiring candidate is trying barder and earlier than the rest. He is Richard Gephardt, the 56-year-old leader of the Democrat minority in the House of Representatives. A native of St Louis, a lawyer by training and now a powerful, if sometimes irascible orator, his first bid for president, in 1988, ended in scornful charges that he lacked "sub-

stance, ideas and cycbrows". In the past two months, Mr Gephardt has sprung back into the limelight with a vengcance by the simple, but highly effective method of striving to put as much of what certain British politicians would call clear blue water between himself and Bill Clinton as is politically possible. In doing so, he has taken up a deliberately populist stance on a set of issues that Mr Clinton sees as hallmarks of his presidency – neatly positioning himself to oppose Mr Clinton's heir apparent,

As Mr Clinton prepared for his recent trip to Mexico, the first by a US president since Jimmy Carter, Mr Gephardt took every opportunity to criticise the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) that Mr Clinton was setting out to de-fend. For Mr Clinton, Nafta was saving US jobs, stemming Mexican immigration and helping to clean up industrial pollu-



Gephardt: Has sprung back into the political limelight

tion along the US southern border. A long-time opponent of Nafta, Mr Gephardt denounced its effects as having brought about a disastrous fall in wage levels in the southern states, having encouraged illegal immi-gration and having done nothing to reduce pollution.

Last week, Mr Gephardt again marked his difference by opposing Mr Clinton's balanced budget, which has a timetable of five years, to 2002. After weeks of wheeling and dealing, Mr Clinton finally clinched the bipartisan agreement he sought. Richard Gephardt declined to budge. The disadvantages of signing up to a deal that went into the next presidency clearly over-

rode whatever blandishments he may have been offered. This week. Mr Gephardt played his third card. In a

speech to the Detroit Economic Club on Tuesday, he argued strongly against the renewal of most favoured nation trading status for China, citing human rights abuses by Peking. Mr Clinton has already said he

will renew the status, and Con-gress is limbering up for its an-nual fight on the subject, with opinions running high because of the party funding scandal in the US which implicates mainland Chinese interests, and the imminent handover of Hong Kong. As with Nafta and the budget,

Mr Gephardt and his coterie have no chance of defeating Mr Clinton's declared policy on China. Because Mr Clinton lacks a majority in either the House of Representatives or the Senate, he needs bipartisan agreement for any of his legislation to pass. But this is what gives Mr Gephardt his opportunity.

He can operate as a minority law unto himself without jeopardising the President's (limited) power, with Al Gore tied to Mr Clinton by virtue of his office. Mr Gore, as if scenting the danger, spent Tuesday in New Hampshire, the renowned first stamping ground of any would-

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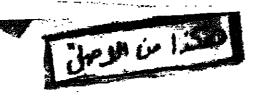


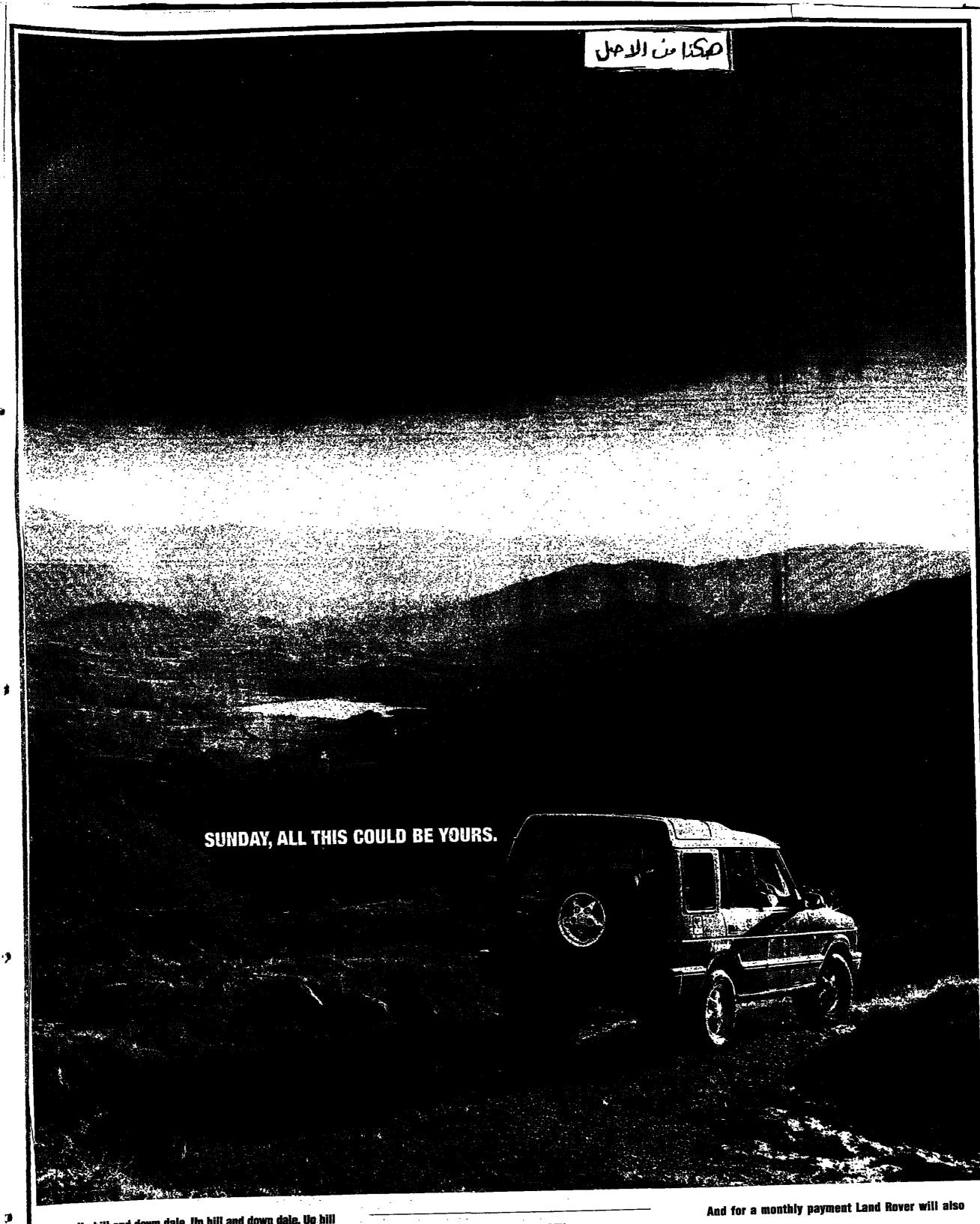
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Polls open in Indonesia for electoral sham that passes as democracy

Show of strength: Troops on patrol yesterday in Banjarmasin, southern Borneo, where at least 130 people have been killed in pre-election riots

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Richard Lloyd Parry

As the Indonesian elections get under way this morning, there will be a great deal of tension in the air, but not for any

ed with democratic politics. Long before the campaign even began, the outcome was clear: sometime in the middle of June, when the results are finally gathered in from across the vast archipelago, President Subarto's Golkar party will once again

have won by a huge margin. The two opposition parties will make a modest, decent showing, and the turnout will, as usual, be high, around 90 per cent. There is only one big

Democracy": will it see further outbreaks of the violence that has made this the most lethal election campaign of President Subarto's 30-year reign? Compared to last week, the

question hanging over what the government calls its "Festival of eventful. On Tuesday and Fri-

were confrontations between police and campaigning Mus-lims; over the weekend at least 130 were confirmed killed in blazing riots in southern Borneo. Yesterday, only two deaths

in a rebel ambush in East Timor). The Japanese embassy was evacuated after a bomb hoax one of several scares which occurred throughout the day - and four men were arrested on suspicion of planning an explosion

things go as swimmingly as that today, the government will feel a little bit less embarrassed by its choice of motto for this month's campaign: "Make A Success of the Elections".

Politics in Indonesia, as the slogan indicates, is all about appearances, and by this standard these elections have been a terrible failure. Even by the government's (assuredly conservative) count, the number of electoral fatalities rose last week to more than 250, though for the government the numbers killed are less worrying than their source - a growing dis-satisfaction with President Suharto and the creaky electoral apparatus by which the regime

legitimises itself. Indonesia's elections are a fix. an elaborate and sophisticated one. Ballot-box stuffing, open bribery and intimidation are not widespread and in theory any party can achieve a majority in the 500-seat House of Representatives (DPR). In practice, a series of measures, imposed at every stage of the electoral process makes it impossible for anyone but Golkar to win more than a token proportion of the vote.

The range of those entitled to enter politics is strictly cur-tailed. Apart from Golkar, only two opposition parties - the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI) and United Development Party (PPP) are legally

In April, 12 Indonesians received sentences of up to 12 years for their alleged subversion in organising the unofficial People's Democratic Party. The government effectively appoints opposition leaders - when Megwati Sukarnoputri, the leader of the PDI, began to emerge as a potential challenger in the next year's presidential election, she was deposed in a governmentbacked coup.

and families of military ment bers are constantly urged to sup port it. Coverage of Golka rallies by the state television company TVRI exceeded that of the opposition parties put together, according to a group of independent election monitors. Aspirant politicians are screened before being allowed to stand, and anyone suspected: of ever having had Communist sympathies is barred – 200 people fell at this hurdle, most of them opposition politicians.

The result is a highly compliant

assembly characterised by I

donesians by the "five D's datang, duduk, diam, denga

Poli boycott: Opposition lea Megawati Sukamoputri

duit - "turn up, sit down, slut up, listen, take the money". Given these restrictions, he

options are limited. Mrs Mgwati has announced that she vill boycott the votes - the propution of spoilt ballots and bstentions will be one of the tw statistics worth keeping an ve on. With such advantages, Golkar has to do very well tolegitimise itself, and if it falls sgnificantly short of its goal of 7.2 per cent, it will be a blow, but this will be an election remenbered for violence.

"Never before," said the aademic Mochtar Buchori, *høe Golkar dominates public life I seen such intense anger, jel-

and the media – civil servants, ousy and frustration.

fleet to stay 20 years The Russian Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, said Ukraine agreed yesterday to allow Russia to keep its share of the former Soviet Black Sea Fleet at Ukraine's naval

Ukraine allows Russian

base of Sevastopol for the next 20 years. Mr Chemomyrdin and the Ukrainian Prime Minister, Pavlo Lazarenko, signed terms of a lease for part of the base. Mr Chernomyrdin gave no details of how much Moscow will pay for the lease. Kiev - Rei

Polish abortion law in danger

A Polish court ruled that a law passed last year, effectively allowing abortion on demand, clashed with the constitution. In a decision likely to delight the Pope on the eve of his pilgrimage to his homeland beginning on Saturday, Poland's Constitutional Tribunal decided the liberalised abortion law did not uphold constitutional guarantees to the right to life. The ruling obliges parliament to re-examine the new law on abortion within six months.

No redress for Aborigines

The Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, rejected calls to pay compensation to Aborigines for the forcid removal of children from their families during decads of forced assimilation.

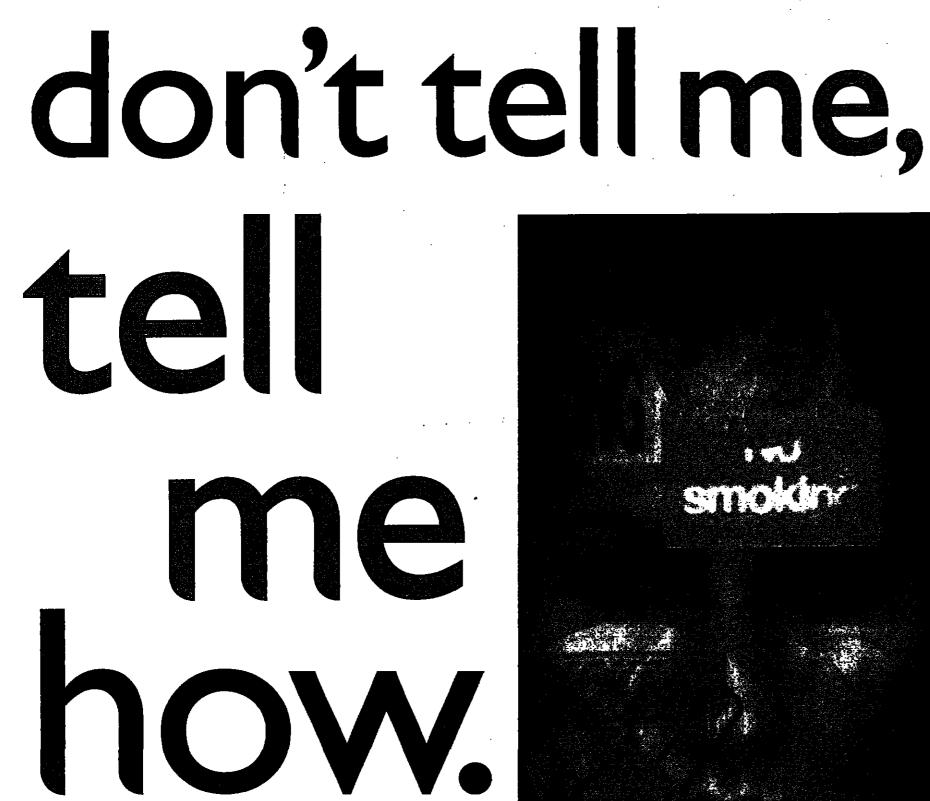
This is asking one generation to accept legal responsibility for the acts of earlier generations," M Howard told parliament, resisting an opposition moti for compensation during a debate on Australia's "stell generation". The Labor opposition has joined Aborig leaders in calling for compensation for thousands of Aborigines abducted from their parents. The practice stopped in the 1960s.

Price on Algerian insurgents As part of a clean-up operation ahead of next Thurs elections, Algerian authorities are offering rewards fc 72 Muslim militants alleged to be leading a bloody insurg The posters went up this week as security forces pursual major offensive to the south of the capital to rout out in-

surgents in a stronghold of the Islamic Salvation Army.
The biggest rewards – 45m dinars (£48,000)) – are reserved for commanders of the Islamic Salvation Army and the rival Armed Islamic Group, the most radical group fighting in the five-year-old insurgency. AP - Pai

Floss saves life

A quick-thinking nurse used dental floss to save her boyfriend from bleeding to death after a shark attack in the Bahamas. A shark shredded Wilbur Wood's right arm while he was spearfishing on Monday. His girlfriend, Gail Brooks, used the dental floss to tie off an artery in his



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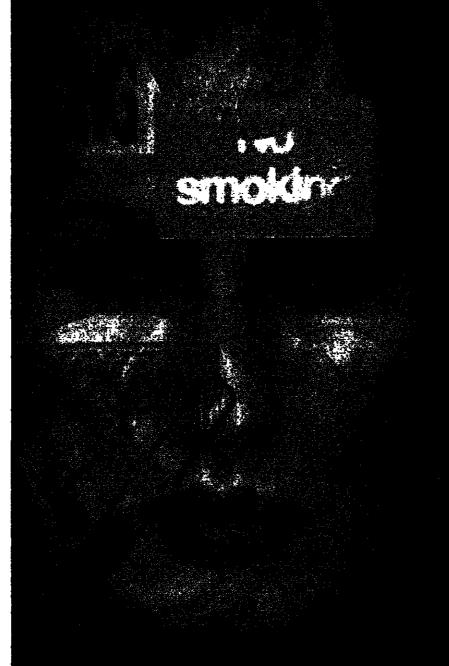
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Taliban kicked out of town after 3 days

ely 72 hours after sweeping oriously into the key city of zar-i-Sharif, the Taliban we in full retreat yesterday, agrently driven out by a wellanised resistance who fought m with guns and artillery for

Artillery and machinegun shook the city throughout night and lit up the sky. By rning, when it tapered off, at st 10 bodies were seen on a all stretch of road. Abanned Taliban vehicles had on smashed by rockets. The newly invigorated oppo-

on forces also claimed they arrested the Taliban Foreign nister, Mullah Mohammad ous, and their northern milly commander, Mullah Abdul zaq, after they retook the n, a Pakistan-based Afghan ws service said.

The reports of the funda-ntalist militia's sudden defeat Mazar showed that nothing n be taken for granted in the untry's tortuous civil war. Like the rest of the world, the liban had written off the opsition, a shady alliance of exujahedin and former com-



Line of resistance: Uzbeck militiamen loyal to General Abdul Malik Palhawn guarding a Taliban jeep they ambushed yesterday during fighting in Mazar-I-Sharif

crumble over the weekend. The First, they underestimated the alliance's leader, General Rashid Dostum, fled into exile following the apparent defection one of his most trusted lieu-

tenants, Abdul Malik Palhawn. Pakistan immediately recognised the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate rulers and urged other countries and organisations to do the same.

It now seems that Mazar was nothing but an elaborate trap, in the most classic Afghan style. If so, the Taliban fell into it headphists which appeared to long. They made two mistakes.

one concession to local sensi-tivities. Within hours of their arstrength of Dostum's one-time rival, the mullah assigned to ally, former defence minister Ahmed Shah Massood, who control the city, Abdur Razzaq, continues to control the mounhad installed himself at the tainous east of the country from central mosque and began to his headquarters in the Panjshir Valley. The counter attack in Mazar seems likely to have been organised, at least in part, by Massood's battle-hardened commanders who would not

they lay down their arms.

broadcast the ground rules of the new fundamentalist regime from the south: hanging for murderers, amputation for thieves, domestic incarceration for women. have taken kindly to the Taliban's arrogant demands that

Until then, many Mazaris had dismissed what they had heard about Taliban law as so

the broadcasts from the mosque proved that it was not so. Mazar is a liberal city, well-known in Afganistan for its openness in educating both sexes; many of

its inhabitants are addicted to gambling on quail fights, a sport surely abolish. Public opinion has been swayed by far less.

Anything could happen next. Mazar stands in the centre of the plains of Turkestan, where the mountain guerrilla tactics at which Afghans excel are of no

drive the counter attack back; or the counter attackers could take heart from their recent success and sweep all before them.

Another possibility is a Panshir-based attack on Kabul. With Taliban forces committed to the north, this might be General Massood's moment, but such an action would depend on

the loyalty of his troops. Into the mix must be thrown the possibility of a mass exodus of refugees from Mazar itself. If fighting in and around the city continues, its 1.8 million inhabitants would have little choice but to fiee, probably north to Tajikistan. The effect of such immigration on that vulnerable country only now emerging from a five-year civil war between communist nationalists and Islamic insur-

Prepare for nosiest night on earth – karaoke for 2 million

Sphen Vines Hig Kong

Hig Kong's transition to Chind rule has survived many challees, but none as awe-inspiring scheme to get 2 million peoploining a mass karaoke sessisinging patriotic songs as the Upn flag gives way to the fivestred flag of China. conie Ki, the chief executive

ole Better Hong Kong Foundan, and organiser of what prises to be the noisiest night orarth, cannot contain her enthiasm. "I'm asking radio statis to get people to sing at he, to come out onto their bahnies, if you have a window on it and sing, even sing in fre of the television set. I want to ate empathy for everyone." igh on Ms Ki's wish-list for

as earl of the Orient", "A Bet-tel Tomorrow", "China Dims" and "Children of the Dion", which became one of thanthems of the 1989 post-

o stan 20 years

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protest movement. She may be show, an illuminated flotilla furled, President Jiang Zemin unaware of the connection.

Karaoke singing is endemic in Hong Kong, Few social occasions are allowed to pass without piercing warbling from amateur performers. Even normally dour Chinese officials have been lured in front of karaoke sets to belt out romantic Chinese melodies. Ms Ki has no doubt that her

Hong Kong handover

organisation can pull off this festival of what she calls "celebra-tions and jubilation". Radio stations will be asked to plug the event, newspapers to print song sheets and television stations to provide subtitles for the songs belted out from loudspeakers during an £8m "spectacular" parade organised by the foundation. There will be a light and sound

crossing Victoria Harbour, water fountains, fireworks, lasers and, of course, the music.

Like many of the hundreds of events scheduled for 1 July and the days following the handover to China, this parade will be paid for by leading companies anxious to hitch themselves to the new-era bandwagon. The stockbroking house Barings has chosen to advance its corporate rehabilitation programme by sponsoring yet another fire-works show, which will be held on the last night of British rule.

Everybody who is anybody will be expected to make an aparance at these events, but the public seems less enthusiastic about rousing themselves to go out on the streets as history is made. One opinion poll published last week found only 6 per cent di respondents keen to take part in the celebrations, while 60 per cent said they would stay

It is widely assumed that once the Union flag is safely

will make a triumphal entry to the territory with senior Chinese leaders in tow. He is expected to preside over a number of sombre set piece ceremonies, possibly including the swearing-

in of the head of government.
The government itself is organising everything from com-petitions to walks to lyric-writing contests, food festivals, variety shows, concerts and dramas to mark the handover.

Hong Kong socialites, who need no lessons in extravagance, are planning a series of balls and dinners. And in a minor counter-culture of events is springing up, such as the Hong Kong Incarnation, a multi-media programme by local artists who want to question what is happening. A new gay club is planning a handover party which, its organisers say, will emphasise pink rather than red as the colour of the new order.

This is Hong Kong, so there will be a common purpose in these activities: money-making.

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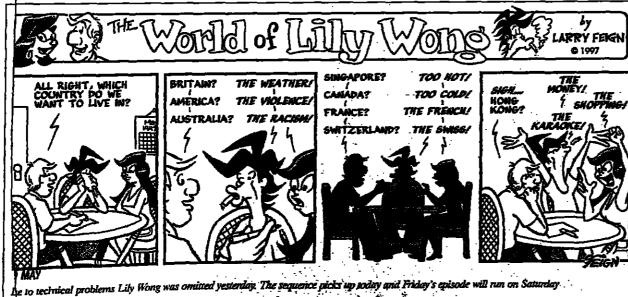
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The day modern

You can smell the change in Stanley. Fifteen years ago, most people used peat-fired stoves to cook and on a Sunday lunchtime the warm, sweet odour made the cold air smell like fine malt whisky. Now, less than a sixth of the houses have stacks of the thick, chocolate-coloured slabs stacked outside; oil and electricity have taken over.

That is just one indicator of the huge changes that have transformed the Falkland Islands from a backward, agricultural outpost into a more recognisably modern, if still isolated and rural society. One of the less-noticed results of the 1982 conflict between Britain and Argentina has been rapid economic development, with incalculable consequences for the 2.300 inhabitants.

You can see the changes, too. The population of Stanley has increased from about 1,200 to 1,600 according to the 1996 census, and it is still growing.

The solid, whitewashed stone and timber houses, with their brightly coloured metal roofs, still line the waterfront of this

tiny cathedral city on roads named after the great explorers, mariners and their ships. But now, on Jeremy Moore Avenue and Thatcher Drive, there are done in three. newer houses, many of them

and Discoverys, as well as Mitsubishis, Suzukis and Toyotas. To go with the cars, there are roads. Fifteen years ago, outside Stanley, in "camp", there were only tracks, deeply rutted, mud-dy trails that beat hell out of the toughest vehicles. When the military built the new airport and military base at Mount Pleasant

they built a road to it, which has

timber prefabs. Fifteen years

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War dragged a forgotten Britis outpost on to the world stage ad into the 20th century, writes Andrew Marshall in Stanley

now been extended to San Car-los. It would still destroy the average family saloon, but an cient-hour drive can now be

veather tracks is being constructed, connecting the isolated settlements and transforming life for the farmers. This, says Bill Luxton, one of the farmers, is "the greatest boon to civilised living. Now people can just take off, and they can drop in on their neighbours".

When the Argentine troops scrambled ashore here in April 1982, the Falklands were close to death as a community. The remoteness of the place and falling wool prices may have been at the root of the problem. But what God started, the Foreign Office and the Falkland Is-

apparently set out to nish through underintestine; ne gleet and ineptitude. Thwas perhaps the most forgottemner of empire, and governent tacitly wanted shot of it.

The war changed everying Mount Pleasant brout a twice-weekly Royal Air nex flight to and from Britai Bureaucratic attention was last focused on the islands' mg social and economic profins The commercial stranglehil of FIC was broken, farmsere subdivided and sold off treaple who had frequently be the victim of absentee landeds. and a programme of devepment was established toelp drag the islands into the th century. Most important all. an exclusive economic me was declared in Falklandvalands Company (FIC) had ters and a fishery was oped.

Rising tide of crime **swamps S** African police

When Meyer Kahn, one of South Africa's most successful businessmen, agreed to become the first civilian head of his country's crumbling police force this week he said he intended to enlist the help of everybody, from the Almighty down. Heaven would be a good

place to start: a near miracle is needed to pull the South African Police Service – demoralised. corrupt and haemorrhaging officers - back from the brink, and convince the public that the aptly-abbreviated Saps has not already drowned in the rising tide

of public confidence in the police. Everyone has their own story to sum up the force. For some it is the theft, in broad daylight, of the cash dispensing machine from the fourth floor of Johannesburg police headquarters; for others, the identity parade of suspected car hiackers where victims failed to identify anyone in the line-up but easily fingered the officer behind the desk as the ring leader

of a hijack gang.

Just yesterday three men stormed a police station in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, and stole all the officers' guns.

If it was not so serious it would be funny. But laughter rings hollow when the rate of violent crime has risen to rival the highest in the world and international organised crime syndicates are reported to be

The level of public concern about crime has reached near hysterical levels. In the wake of the murder of Johannesburg economist Dr Ronnie Bethlehem - shot in his driveway by car hijackers - newspapers have called for a state of emergency and South Africans - black and white - are clamouring for a return of the death penalty.

Today, artists will begin work on a Wall of Remembrance in Soweto to commemorate some of the 25,000 people who died violently in South Africa last year. A siniilar wall was opened to painters in Johannesburg at the beginning of the month and is covered with portraits of vic-tims along with angry inscriptions from families and friends.

Mr Kahn, group chairman of South African Breweries, says he is taking on the most diffi-cult job of his life.

The government must take some responsibility for the crisis after dismissing it initially as "white whingeing". The arrival of violent vigilante groups, like Pagad, pressure from within the African National Congress's own ranks for the death penalty, and growing international concern changed that.

But it is doubtful that a speedier response would have altered Saps' destiny.

The police have been floored by a double whammy, according to Mark Shaw, of the Institute of Security Studies. Since the end of aparthuid. Saps has been struggling to transform itself from instrument of state op-

Civilian takes on task of bringing order to force that has lost control, writes Mary Braid in Johannesburg

pression to a non-racist, civilianfriendly police force. It would always have been an

enormous institutional task. But Saps is trying to metamorphose while dealing with an unprecedented rise in crime.

It is, say some, a no win uation. A solution has certainly so far eluded those in charge and led to unseemly public rows between George Fivaz, Saps national commissioner, and Sydney Mufamadi, minister with responsibility for police.

"People point to the transformation of the South African armed forces," said Mr Shaw. "But the armed forces have been able to change in a time of peace. The police are having to transform themselves under fire."

That can be taken literally. Post-liberation South Africa is awash with guns and the murder of police officers is becoming commonplace. Last year, 73 were murdered on duty while 211 were killed after-hours. Stress also took its toll, with 160 officers committing suicide. Alienated by necessary change and increased dangers on the job, officers are queuing up to leave. Many stations simply fail to function for lack of manpower.

Mr Kahn can at least take comfort in the lifting of a moratorium on police recruitment.

Fresh blood is badly needed. "Under apartheid the police did not really police." says Antoinette Louw, a criminology researcher at the University of Natal. Detectives generally beat a confession out of black suspects. Today South Africa sits at the

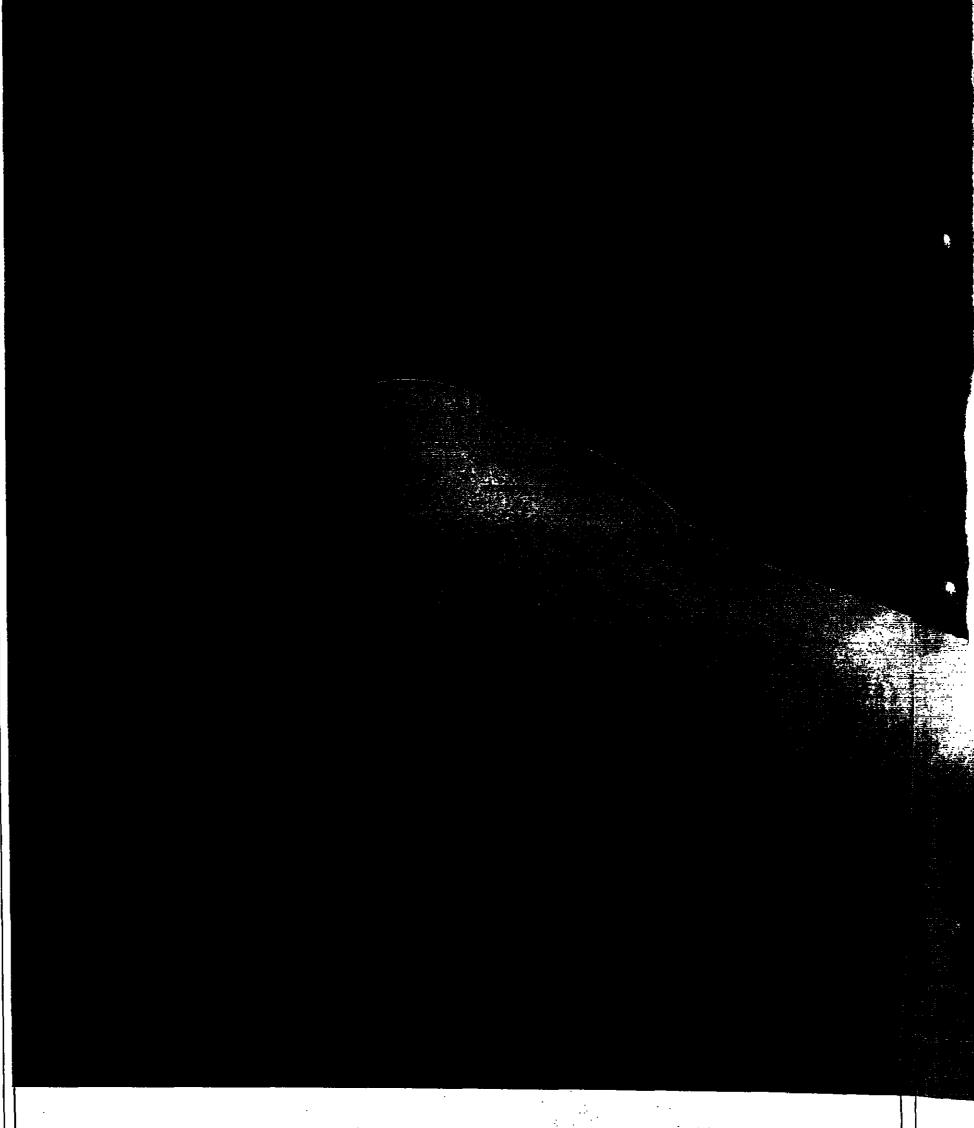
the top of international crime tables. While international crime comparisons should be treated with caution, Ms Louw says South Africa undoubtedly has a very high comparative rate of violent crime.

She traces criminal violence back to the high levels of violence in the home, and in turn attributes that to the wholesale break up of family and community under apartheid.

But just three years after the election of South Africa's first democratic government, legacy-of-the-past explanations are already unfashionable with a public demanding quick and simple solutions.

While Ms Louw believes the rates of some crimes are levelling out, she will not hazard a forecast as to when crime will begin to fall.

Mr Kahn's contract is for just two years. Surely too short to make a difference? Long enough in one of the country's toughest roles, says Ms Louw. Mr Kahn will want out before his term is up; that she can confidently predict.



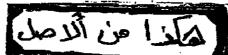
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life caught up with the Falklands

vessels to chase the squid and fish in the islands' waters.

Nothing can change the Falklands' remote geography and their harsh, if beautiful, landscape. But society and the economy have been through a small revolution, stoked by the revenues from fishing.

The islands receive no income from British government funds: development is financed from fishing proceeds, and managed by the Falklands Islands Development Corporation, "It's taken an economy that was based on a single product, operated on a very feudal, lowwage system, and got well on the way to making it a mixed economy," says Hugh Normanu or FIDC. A healthy nest egg has says Hugh Normand of also been built up in case fishing income falls.

The number of farmers has declined; instead, the number of professionals, technical staff, and the sales and service sector has boomed, as new restaurants, offices, shops and transport services arrive. FIC, under new

bringing European and Asian lively and well-managed organisation, spurred into action by competition and the shift out of farming. Nearly everybody has a telephone, instead of the radios that used to be the lifeline for most people.

There is a large and wellfinanced hospital, and a brand new school. The bars are newly decorated, and the old, rugged and rather grim atmosphere, redolent of rural Britain 50 years ago, has largely gone. There are barmaids with pierced noses. there is even a karaoke machine in one of the bars. There are plenty of prob-

lems, of course. The biggest is that agriculture is still in sharp decline. "The farming industry is in a pretty difficult situation now," says Mr Luxton. The rural population has dwindled in 10 years from about 750 to 550, and it is aging. Low wool prices mean low incomes and little investment; many people bought their own farms only to see the debt become a millstone. Sheep farming may be economically marginal, but it is vital to the culmanagement, is a much more ture and society of the islands.



Corner of a foreign field: A Royal Marine mortar team preparing for action in 1982, to defend the Falklands against Argentine forces

dercutting the Falklands and leading to overfishing of the valuable illex squid, which, ap-

The future of fishing, too, is unsteady. Argentina has opened its own fishing zone, un-

Sometimes, the development seems skin-deep. Wealth has af-

fected everyone's lives, but those who have gained in a big way form a small part of the population. The sense of equality that used to prevail - that everyone

was in it together - is fading.

"There are people who are very concerned that oil wealth and fishing wealth shouldn't subvert traditional Falklands life and values," says Richard

But Bill Luxton feels little nostalgia. "I really don't hanker after the good old days at all, when we were short of money and we had an indifferent medical service at best," he says. Ralph, Governor of the islands. Yet the next revolution is al-

ready starting, even as the old one is still underway. Oil exploration licences have been issued and seismic surveying is underway. In the next five years oil reserves may be confirmed and production begun. If that happens - and if the revenues are as high as some people think then the islanders can burn banknotes, not peat, in their

The ultimate prize that would come with oil is greater self-determination. Already financially self-sufficient, the Palklands are still dependent on Britain for defence. The islands' legislative council has al-ready said that it would like to repay the British Government



for the costs of defence spending – about £70m a year.

None of the islanders wants to be an Argentinian; and the war has strengthened that feeling. But many would like to have greater autonomy, again a view that has been strengthened by the war. The poor administration suffered by the islands before the war left resentments, and many islanders feel they could look after themselves apart from defence. Some speak of independence, perhaps, in the far-off future, but most prefer to think about greater self-reliance.

At the time of the Falklands war, one motive often ascribed by outside critics to the British response was the acquisition of oil: London wanted to ensure that it got the reserves. That is almost certainly rubbish: the Foreign Office had no interest in retaining the islands at all until the Argentinian forces landed. The only reason the Falklands are still British is that Argentina invaded. All the more ironic, then, that this, one of the last of the red specks

on the map, may yet turn out to be worth billions.



In his glory: JFK yachting in the early Sixties, showing the

Scandal fails to dim the Kennedy glitz

David Usborne New York

The Kennedy clan may be mired in irresistable scandal once again – this time it is an alleged affair between Michael Kennedy, the son of the slain presidential candidate Bobby Kennedy, and an underage babysitter - but at least one member of the family still believes in the cache of Camelot.

Kerry McCarthy, a second consin of John F Kennedy, will today mark what would have been the late president's 80th birthday in a manner that not every Hyannis afficionado will find entirely tasteful: she is launching a line of nautical leisure wear bearing the Kennedy name.

More precisely, the clothes will sell under the brandname JFK PT. The PT part is a reference to the Kennedy's command in the Second World War of a patrol-torpedo boat, PT-109. For the folks heading to Cape Cod this year, these fashion items will surely be a must. A JFK PT hat will be on the shelves for a mere \$19.95. For that seriously rakish (pardon me, presidential) look, a blazer can be yours for \$119.95.

To any student of Massachusetts politics, however, Ms McCarthy's timing would seem a bit off. The latest bearer of the Kennedy hex, which has produced such sensations as Chapal in 1992, Michael is being investigated for allegedly sleeping with his family haby sitter when she was only fourteen. He could face charges of statutory rape. it if they are".

erupted just as Michael's brother, Congressman Joe Kennedy, is preparing to campaign to become the next Governor of Massachusetts. The lapping tide of Michael's troubles combined with Joe's own controversial battle to have

The scandal, moreover, has

his first marriage to Sheila Rauch Kennedy annulled by the Catholic Church, has sent the Congressman's popularity plummeting.
Indeed, there is talk that after 18 straight wins by Kennedy men in 18 general elections in Massachusetts this may be the year the spell is broken. "I'm convinced that if the story con-

tinues to excalate, he'll drop out

of the governor's race and go

back to what the Kennedys

consider private life: a seat in

Congress," commented Re-

publican consultant Kevin Sowyrda. But Ms McCarthy is gambling that JFK remains a hot brand, whatever the electoral mood. If she is proven right, who knows where else political merchandising might catch on? How long before Harvey Nichols begins boasting Maggie Thatcher handbags? Anyone interested in a Michael Foot

donkey jacket? Nor is she too bothered by accusations of mercenary exploitation of the family name.
"I think it has been commercialised for years and years and paquiddick in 1969 and the years. I think every book that Willam Kennedy Smith rape tri- comes out about Kennedy is a commercialisation".

And if the family itself objects? Too bad, she replies, "because I can't do anyting about



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Vorsprung durch Technik







Richard Stevens

Richard Stevens, Royal Designer in Industry, was con-cerned with the function of everyday things, and for 14 fast and gave him the agreed formula. "British Telecom would paint kiosks with due senyears was head of all industrial design for Post Office Telecommunications (which later became British Telecom). He Royal Commission that preceded the 1851 Great Exhibition, that what was lacking in British manufactured goods was not technique but art.

His greatest professional achievement and opportunity was to be at the helm of the most advanced and extensive, graphic and product design exercise of post-war Europe. He was himself a designer of innovative lighting, and had pioneered the development both of injection-moulded streetlighting lanterns and (in 1959) the application of low-voltage lamps and associated equipment in display lighting.

A new future was opening for telecommunications in the 1970s but it was difficult to share the vision of a then remote digital world with politicians. Design was to help translate this vision into something tangible. Possibly the first report of the lack of commercial synergy between mail delivery and telephone services came in a graphic identity proposal for the various Post Office businesses in 1980, but the political and executive directive to the designers then was to hold them all together. however superficial their relationship. When change came, it was the responsibility of Richard Stevens to put an appropriate face on these technological and structural mysteries.

Shortly after the 1980 introduction of British Telecom with its own visual identity as a separate entity from the Post Office, an aggressive question was asked in Parliament: "Would the phone box in the high street follow the new vehicle livery and be painted yellow?" A junior minister caught wrong-footed blurted out, "Of course not." By 7.30am the next morning Stevens was being doorstepped at his home in Surrey by an early bird from an evening newspaper. Always courteous.



Stevens asked him in for breaksitivity for the environment in which they were placed." The idea of the design manager giving any answer without passing recognised, as indeed had the it through the press office of British Telecom upset protocol, but what really did the damage was being shown in a large photograph in his dressing gown at the table with a comflakes packet and milk in a milk

bottle: cheap sneers all round. Stevens was sensitive to both public opinion and public environment and by that time, with the encouragement of the Di-rector of the Design Council, Paul (later Lord) Reilly, his designers already had half a dozen Gilbert Scott kiosks painted in rich and sober liveries with special Roman lettering, ready for trials at "heritage sites". The parliamentary incident killed those off.

There was always a gentle naivety about Stevens that left him defenceless in a large and political organisation. He was sometimes not well served by his staff and it was not unknown for a career opportunist to carefully set out a banana skin for him to step on. On occasion it took the combined vigilance of the three wiliest birds in the business to keep him out of hot water: Whitney Straight, the deputy chairman of the Post Office, Sir Hugh Casson and Lord Reilly. His designer's integrity was reinforced by his opposite number at the Royal Mail, Stuart Rose, who had reinforcements to spare of determination and commitment to the notion of "design as an expression of goodness". Sadly not a fashionable idea in today's

marketing-led world. These were exciting times in telecommunications when new systems were being made publicly available; there was enough money to do his job well and he was waving the flag for a new public service culture within British Telecom. At one moment "Prestel" video text was the wonder, the next he was back from an International Swiss trade fair to say that "System X" was sweeping the world, and British Telecom personnel were "walking tall". Somehow the potential of these technologies did not immediately turn into export orders but he would quickly pump up the next head of enthusiastic

conviction. I remember returning with him from a tour of future public systems in Tokyo and he was convinced that British Telecom was far ahead of Japanese technology. "We've got them beathours of flying time. On his own design front he had got them March 1997.

best troops in the design field: Nick Butler, David Carter, Banks & Miles, Martyn Rowland, Ken Grange (the latter on "Confravision Studios", a truly advanced system of linked private television meetings that then quietly disappeared like so much else at that time through lack of promotion). He sought out design talent and it found

He was that now-rare creature, a design manager who could do the job himself. For him it was not a matter of talking in marketing cliches but of understanding the concerns that were behind the words, or better, the sketches. Stevens was a very distinguished practitioner in his own right, recipient of three Design Centre personal awards and a gold medal at the 1957 Milan Triennale; chief designer at Atlas Lighting 1954-63. As design manager of Standard Telephones and Cables 1963-69 his work earned the warm respect of his chairman, Sir Jules Thorn. In 1977 he won the RSA Presidential Award for Design Management.

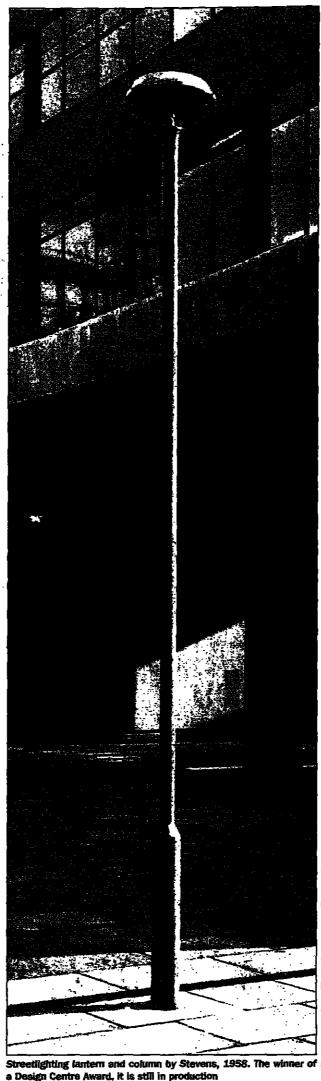
An engineer with a degree in Physics from Regent Street Polytechnic, Stevens had first worked as a lighting technician with Siemens (1942-53). His first job with "designer" in its title was with Metropolitan Vickers (1953-54). From then on he believed in an essential intuitive input into a design solution. He looked for a marriage of logic, aesthetics and care for detail: the goal was "quality".

At home, he was an excellent photographer and made superb pieces of cabinet-work. One of his proudest possessions was a huge cross-cut saw inherited from his father, a railway worker, this was put to good use when he retired to the smart little "cabin" he had made for himself and his French wife, Anne, in woods near Reigate.

Dick and Anne Stevens were fit and prodigious walkers and were eager for a fruitful and happy retirement. No sooner had they all the pieces in place when she was struck with an appailing stroke. He was a constant and attentive nurse until she died in 1994.

Colin Banks

Richard Stevens, industrial designer: born Dorking, Surrey 1 Oc-tober 1924; chief designer, Atlas Lighting Ltd 1954-63; industrial design manager, Standard Tele-phones and Cables Ltd 1963-69; design manager, Post Office Telecommunications (British Tele-com from 1980) 1969-83; President, Society of Industrial Artists and Designers 1972-73; RDI 1973; married 1947 Anne Hamhe kept saying over 14 mond (died 1994; one son, one daughter); died Reigate, Starrey 21



Professor David Keith-Lucas

significant contributions to its develonment.

He was one of the distinguished sons of Keith Lucas, who invented the first aeronautical compass; his brother Brian, a political scientist and also a professor (sometime Master of Darwin College, Cambridge), predeceased him by five months. Born in the pe-riod just preceding the First World War, David Keith-Lucas was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Engineering. He began his industrial career in 1933 as an apprentice with C.A. Parsons and Co, and remained with that concern until the early months of the Second World War.

In 1940 he moved to the aerodynamics office of Short Bros at their Rochester works, famous for the construction of flying boats. He continued with the company and its successor for the next quarter of a century, and rapidly progressed to the position of chief aerodynamist. Soon after the end of the war a decision was taken to close the Rochester works and move the assets to Belfast, where the associated company of Short Bros and Harland occupied premises on Queen's Island. Keith-Lucas moved to Belfast with the company and in the period up to 1965 successively held the posts of chief designer. technical director and research director.

The early post-war years were an exciting period in avi-ation as the widespread appli-cation of the jet engine led to the investigation of many innovative engineering concepts. Short Bros and Harland were concerned with a number of these and Keith-Lucas made a major contribution to their application and successful outcome. The work included research on swept-wings which culminated in the Short SB-5 research aircraft. The wings of this machine were so designed that the sweepback could be adjusted on the ground, and it was flown to study the effect of sweep on low-speed aerodynamic characteristics.

At about the same time the novel "aero-isoclinic wing" con-cept of Professor G.T.R. Hill was investigated. This came to fruition as the Short Sherpa demonstrator aircraft which flew as a glider, and later powered by a jet engine. Keith-Lucas used his experience in these activities to publish in 1952 a classical work entitled

The Shape of Wings to Come. Interest then moved to jet-

career in aviation and made egnificant contributions to its used four of them to provide vertical lift. A signficant prob-lem which was successfully overcome was the control of the machine in vertical and transition flight. A presentation to the Institute of Mechanical Engineers in 1961/62 under the title "The Challenge of VTOL" enabled Keith-Lucas to report the knowledge gained in this

> Other activities during the Northern Ireland period included the Short Belfast heavy freighter and the much smaller Short Skyvan. From the latter were subsequently developed the Sherpa, SD-330 and SD-360 light freight/commuter series of aircraft.

Outside his professional duties David Keith-Lucas was very much a family man. He married Dorothy De Bauduy Robertson in 1942 and shared with her the pleasure in raising their two sons and daughter. He was also had a concern for the



Keith-Lucas: vertical take-off

wider community and served on the Senate of the Queen's University, Belfast. His contribution to the university was recognised by the award of an Hon-

orary Doctorate in 1968. However, the wider world beckoned and in 1965 he moved from industry to academia when he was appointed Professor of Aircraft Design in the College of Aeronautics. Cranfield. This necessitated moving his home from Belfast to the mainland, and he and his wife took up residence in a pair of converted cottages at Emberton, Buckinghamshire, where he was to stay for the remainder of his life. In 1969 the College of Aeronautics was granted a Royal Charter and became the Cranfield Institute of

Technology. Perhaps Keith-Lucas's greatest achievement at Cranfield was the welding together of the original departments of Aerodynamics, Aircraft Design and Flight into a new College tics 1972-76 (Emeritus): CBE of Aeronautics. In 1972 he be- 1973; married 1942 Dorothy De came Professor of Aeronautics borne vertical take-off and and Chairman of the College, two sons, one daughter), 1981 landing concepts and after con- which still flourishes as a Phyllis Everard (née Whurr); siderable investigation the Short major part of what is now Cran-died 6 April 1997.

David Keith-Lucas spent the SC-1 aircraft was designed and greater part of his profession-built. Unusual in that it was fitand awarded an Honorary

Doctorate. Outside Cranfield Keith-Lucas had many and varied activities in aeronautics. He became a member of the Council of the old Air Registration Board in 1967, a position he held until 1972 when he became Chairman of its successor, the Airworthiness Requirements Board. He continued in this important role for the first, critical, 10 years of its existence.

During 1968 to 1970 Keith-Lucas was a member of the "Roskill" Commission for the Third London Airport. Although this exercise was frustrating in that the Commission's recommendations were not implemented, it had its lighter moments. At one stage Cranfield airfield was considered as a possible site and David Keith-Lucas was heard to comment that its adoption would result in the loss of his job, his home and his friends. Nevertheless the Roskill Commission was of significance in that it was one of the first of such investigations which give full consideration to

environmental issues. In 1968 Keith-Lucas became President of the Royal Aeronautical Society; he was awarded the Gold Medal of the society in 1975.

Keith-Lucas was a great admirer of the Wright brothers and was proud of their association with Short Bros in the early days of the company. In 1979 he set out to fulfil a lifelong ambition to visit the site of the world's first controlled. powered flight at Kitty Hawk. North Carolina. Sadly it was a journey destined to end in tragedy, a serious road accident resulting in the death of his wife and very serious injuries to himself. It was typical of the man that he overcame the disaster and his resulting disabilities to continue his

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contributions to aviation.
In 1981 he married Phyllis Everard, whom he had known many years earlier at Short

Denis Howe

David Keith-Lucas, aeronautical engineer: born 23 March 1911; Chief Aerodynamicist, Short Bros 1940-49; Chief Designer, Short Bros & Harland 1949-58, Tech-nical Director 1958-64, Director of Research 1964-65; Professor of Aircraft Design. Cranfield In-stitute of Technology 1965-72, Pro-Vice-Chancellor 1970-73; Professor of Aeronautics and Chairman, College of Aeronau-Bauduy Robertson (died 1979:

George Goodspeed

literature.

George Goodspeed was the bury Latin School and Exeter. last old bookseller. Old himself (he had outlived all his contemporaries), he knew old books, especially American literature and history, as few can hope to know them now. He conducted his business on an old style, too, with few concessions to modernity; it was an admirable style in many ways, especially when practised, as he did, with New England

rectitude, irony and reticence. Charles Eliot Goodspeed, his father, set up shop in a basement at 5a Park Street, opposite Boston Common, in 1898. A Cape Cod man by birth (his ancestor Roger Goodspeed, of Wingrave. Buckinghamshire. settled on Cape Cod circa 1640), he had moved to Quincy and there his son was born in 1903. Charles Goodspeed never went beyond elementary

and thence to Harvard, from which he graduated in 1925. By then the firm bad expanded to two adjacent ground-floor windows on Ashburton Place, and the young Goodspeed actually started work during his last summer vacation in 1924. "It was only a subway ride," he wrote 50 years later,

from our commencement exercises to the first and only job I have held since 1925 . . . While I was under no pressure to do so, it was partly in fol-lowing the line of least resistance that I went to work for the family enterprise. That I became early a partner and eventually the principal execu-tive of the firm cannot be therefore attributed to any excess of talent or industry on my part.

But talent and industry he had in abundance, as well as a wit that turned inwards if anything

more easily than out. He inherited from his father, whose self-education had

soread far and wide, a catholic taste and an inventive mind. He now learnt the art of cataloguing and writing catalogue notes. in which he came to excel. He also learnt that a customer whose needs are remembered and is fairly and lovally treated comes back to the store. Knowledge of the highways

and, even more, the byways of North American history seemed to be in his bones. Many of his stories (and they were good ones) turned on the luck or chance of finding some unsuspecting treasures. In others it might have been so, but neither Goodspeed left much to chance: their discoveries grew from a deep and wide knowledge of where such things might lie hid.

Goodspeed grew up in the trade during the Depression. which the firm survived, even growing in the process. Charles

Goodspeed had been one of the was all the greater because it mained in relatively palatial first to appreciate the artistic quality of Audubon's natural Who but he we Who but he would have bought the 1551 Homer that behistory prints and to sense the growth and popularity of ge-nealogy. Prints became the speciality of Louis Holman,

longed to the poet and essayist James Russell Lowell (the firm specialised in Lowell's books) and then, reading a letter from Lowell about his future wife, who went his own way in 1930. and George Goodspeed tended to concentrate on American have found the words "on the mantel is a moss rose she gave This was partly due to his me which, when it withers, I friendship with Carroll Wilson. shall enshrine it in my Homer"? a New York lawyer whose work He opened it again and found the rose still there pressed for the Guggenheim brothers left him time to form one of the between the leaves.

Who but Goodspeed would have bought the first children's book printed in America, disguised by a convenient misprint, for a fraction of its value? Who else bought and sold Wilde's sonnet on Keats, "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Wreck of the Hesperus".

In 1935, the firm moved to Beacon Street, where it re-

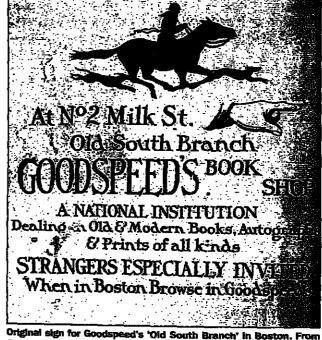
St Cyril of Caesarea, St Maximinus

of Trier, Saints Sisinnius, Martyrius and Alexander. St Theodosia of

surroundings, finally returning to Park Street, where it closed in 1995. Long before that, Goodspeed had become a legend. Some of his best stories appeared in print, and his reminiscences. The Bookseller's Apprentice, were published last year. To read them, and the tales of great collectors and librarians, and those ironic touches (the customer who "though a medical man was on salary" and wanted time to pay), recalls a great and unforgettable man. He was indeed "The Last of the Mohicans", a parallel that might have come near shocking him.

Nicolas Barker

George Talbot Goodspeed, bookseller: born Quincy, Massachuseus 10 October 1903; married 1935 Ivis Jenney (died 1983; one daughter); died Brookline, Massachusetts 3 May 1997.



George Goodspeed's The Bookseller's Apprentice (Holmes Publishing Company, 1996) Photograph: Houghton Library

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

GRIFFITHS: Scan. on 24 May in London, at 35 years old. He will be sadly missed by his parents, friends and partner. Funeral to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Wresham. North Wales on Priday 30 May at 9am.

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Marriages

Mr W. Hanbury Tenison and Miss Mina Choi

The marriage took place on Friday 23 May 1997 between Mina Choi and William Hanbury Tenison. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Father Kit Cunningham at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, London EC1.

Birthdays

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and writer, 58; Mr Terry Pavey, for-mer Editor, TV Tones, 54; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 48; Mr Alwin Schockemohle, showjumper, 60; Mr Doug Scott, mountaineer, 56: Mr Carl Toms, stage designer, 70; Professor Louis Wain, agricultural scientist, 86; General Sir Richard Worsley, former Quartermaster General, 74; Mr Iannis Xenakis, composer. architect and engineer, 75.

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Jimenez, poet. 1956; Mary Pickford (Gladys Mary Smith), film actress, 1979: Jacqueline Onassis (Jacqueline Lee Bouvier), widow of President John Kennedy and of Aristotle Onassis, 1994, On this day: Constantinople fell to the Turks, 1453; Charles Il entered London after the restoration of the monarchy, 1660; Rhode Island became the 13th of the United States, 1790; Wisconsin became the 30th of the United States, 1848; the first steam cable tram in Europe began operating in Highgate. London, 1884; the liner Normandie left Le Havre on her maiden voyage to New York, via Southampton, 1935; the evacuation from Dunkirk began, 1940: Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing reached the summit of Mount Everest, 1953; Charles de

Gaulle formed a government of nu-tional safety in France, 1959: the first

London production of the musical

Gypsy was presented, 1973. Today is

Corpus Christi and the Feast Day of St Bernard of Montjoux or Menthon.

Constantinople and Saints William Stephen, Raymund and their Com-Lectures National Gallery: Norman Coady, "Look and Learn (5): Lessons from

Antiquity. Piero della Francesca and Botticelli", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Irène Logan, "Amber: the molten gold of the 17th century", 2.30pm. British Museum: Don Bailey, "Quarrying in Roman Egypt", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Toba

Mann. "Thomas Hardy's Poems". London School of Economics: Amitai Etzioni, "Morality in a Free Society*, 5.30pm. Institute of Economic Affairs, 2

Lord North Street, London SW1: Tom Bell, "The Internet: heavily regulated by no one in particular?",

Luncheons

Lloyd's Register of Shipping The chairman of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, the deputy chairman and chief executive officer. Dr Tim Jones, board members and Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board gave a luncheon vesterday at Trinity House, London EC4, Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was guest of

Receptions HM Government

Mr John Battle MP, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, was host at a reception held vesterday at Lancaster House. St James's, London SW1, to mark the first meeting of the UK/Russian Joint Commission on Science and Technology Co-operation.

Church appointments The Rev Frank White, Vicar of Birtley and Rural Dean of Chester-le-Street (Durham), to be Archdeacon of Sunderland (a newly created post), and also an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (same diocese). The Rev David Attwood, Director of Studies and Lecturer in Circum Etimes at Trinity College, Britist (Bristof); to be Vicar of Prenton (Chester).

(Chester).
The Rev Jonathan Boston, Vicar, Horsford, Horsham St. Faith with Newton St. Faith: to be Priest-in-Charge of Lucham with Kempston; Lexham East; Lexham West; Mileham; Becston-acti-Mileham; Stanfield; Tittleshall

Beeston-nerd-Milcham: Stanfield; Tittleshall with Gudwick (Nurwich). The Rev Roger Bould, Assistant to the Bishop of Wolverhampton: to be the Bishop of Lichfield; The Rev Hugh Broadhent, Vicar, Holy Thurly, Bromley Common and Chaplain to St Okow's and St Saviour's School, Orpungton: to be Press-in-Charge, St Juhn, Bromley (subject to suspension of presentation) and Chaplain, St Olaw's and St Saviour's School, Orpungton (Rochester).

The Rev Peter Cavanagh, Vicar, St Columba, Anfield (Liverpool): to be Vicar, St Many's, Lancaster (Blockburn).

The Rev Rebert Clack, Rem Vicar, Bury Team Parish (Manchester): to be Vicar of Ashton-upon-Mersey St Martin (Chester).

Canon David Parker, Executive Officer, Dinessan Board for Church & Society (Manchester): to be also an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester).

The Rev David Remdorp, Vicar of Watusbeach The Rev David Remdorp, Vicar of Waterbead and Landheach: to be Vicar of Cambridge S

and Landheach; to be John (Elly). John (Elly). Canon Gordon Rostly, Vicar, St Peter, Bury: to be also an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester). ter Caureurai (manchester).
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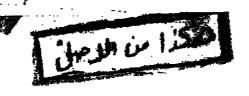
Gresham College

Gresham College has announced the following appointments, with effect from 1 September 1997: The Most Rev Richard F. Holloway. Bishop of Edinburgh and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, to be Gresham Professor of Divinity, Dr Lynette Hunter, Reader in Rhetoric Leeds University, to be Gresham Professor of Rhetoric; Mr Stephen Prait, Head of Music at Liverpool Hope University College, and Miss Joanna MacGregor, Visiting Artist at Liverpool Hope University College, to be Joint Gresham Professor of Music ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen attends a service in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Strand, London WC2. The Queen Mother visits the restored Cambridge Arts Theatre and lunches at Queens' Theatre and lunches at Queens' College, Cambridge. The Princess Royal visits the Banff Day Care Services, St Combs Court, Banff; opens the Macduff Marine Aquarium, Macduff, Banff; and opens the Princess Royal Park Project, Banff. The Duchess of Gloucester visits the Suffolk Agricultural Show, Ipswich, Suffolk; and attends a Reception to mark the Silver Jubilee of Break-through Deaf-Hearing Integration at Mansion House, London EC1. The Duke of Kent, President, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, visits Islay Lifeboat Station. Port Askaig, Isle of Islay, visits Campbeltown Lifeboat Station, Campbeltown, Kintyre, Strathelyde; and meets representatives of the institution and their families at a reception at Fernhill Hotel, Portpatrick, Dumfries and

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Wales mounts the Queen's Guard. at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Grenadier

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Fat is a straightforward issue

You have had the calipers out and purchase the flat that the calipers out and purchase the flat that and pinched the flesh that sits just above your hips or, less painfully but more intellectually demanding, measured your BMI (Body Mass Index, or weight times height squared). Perhaps you turn out to be one of every eight men or one of every six women who are, clinically speaking, obese. The Independent - which takes no view on the aesthetics of size and simultaneously sees pulchritude in tight buttocks and opulent stomachs - offers this tip. There are two ways to lose weight, and quickly. One is to fall in love, or otherwise tumble into emotional spasm - for example by being fallen out of love with. This is not necessarily recommended since other parts of the body and mind can be left scarred. The other way to fend off obesity or shed those pounds (kilogrammes if you are younger and more metric) is even more simple. Stop eating. Stop drinking calorific drinks. Go for a walk every day.

The obviousness of the advice does

not make it any less valid. Moreover, it only cost you the cover price of this newspaper - and very little time to read. So we have just saved you the need to go out and buy mountains of drugs and books and inflict miseries on yourself. Obesity is a disease of affluence; or rather of the maladjusment of mind-set and material opportunity. Yesterday the Royal College of Physi-

of appetite suppressants, which urged a much more conservative prescribing regime. The doctors did not, however, make the obvious point. People are asking for pills to stop them doing something they themselves could do by act of will: for the exercise of mind they are substituting chemicals - something far more morally scandalous than resorting to drugs for recreational pleasure. Size has become an industry, a cul-

ture, a lifestyle and a universal preoccupation. In part this reflects the way we inhabit a universe of American concerns and assumptions. The American drama we consume features thin or at least well-proportioned people; in reality the United States is fatland. That disparity is just as obvious to Americans themselves, leading to a national obsession with weight which we are in the throes of importing. We need trade barriers against the American attitude of complaint that says: the culture makes me eat to excess, therefore I have a right to help - whether from doctors, counsellors, quacks or therapists. The American way - as with that country's epic and virtually fruitless battles against the importation of cocaine - is to ignore the causes of complaint but to attend merely to symptoms and supply. What we don't need here is the diversion of resources, especially public health resources, into research and



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induced condition.

Our maxim is: be fat and be happy or else eat less and exercise more. Just don't complain. Fatties sometimes try rather half-heartedly to claim they are the victims of visual oppression. There is great celebration when Vogue prints a picture of a young woman who - to unprejudiced c, s - is merely ample but to fashion mavens looks a radical departure from the stick-insect norm. This is a puzzle. Large numbers of women are obese and even greater numbers are plump, well-endowed, voluptuous, Rubenesque (the adjective

therapeutic development for a self- is in the eye of the beholder). They surely cannot all be an oppressed minority. If they are, let's anticipate a fattist insurgency, banners saying "I'm fat and proud". Of course obesity is a problem. Excess weight knocks years off life expectancy. One study even turned up a straight calculus of chips into extra months of existence - every pound increase in weight between the ages of 30 and 42 increased the risk of death within the next 26 years by one per cent. Work out the odds, and put your fork down. Other studies have suggested that exercise and cardio-vascular fitness are critical; the fit and fat may of mind and intention, let alone volition

live as long as the thin. Either way there are two conclusions to be drawn. The first is for doctors. There is an increasingly large category of conditions which people take to general practitioners and clinics, which are neither disease as traditionally defined (tissue degeneration as a result of infection or ageing) nor straightforward accident. Nor are they unavoidably the consequence of lack of resources, for example the health probiems associated with low income, bad housing or work in insanitary conditions. They stem instead from the way people choose to live. They are the afflictions of lifestyle and include conditions brought on by drug and alcohol abuse, smoking and eating too much. Doctors are not, generally speaking, expert in emotional distress. If people overeat because they are unhappy, they need to be referred to priests and therapists or urged to get friends or pets. To reach for the dexfentluramine is a cop-out, as well as potentially dangerous in terms of side-effects, which according to yesterday's report may themselves be hard to spot. As the Royal College starchily puts it, the first response should be a combination of diet, exercise and behaviour modification. As an idea, behaviour modification has a chequered history. It is what Comrade Pavlov sought to do to his dogs and Profesor Skinner to his rats. With humans there is the slight matter

and people's almost infinite capacity to kid themselves. To the question: do you sincerely want to lose weight, increasing numbers give the practical answer "no" - the effort is too great, or they simply enjoy eating too much. Let them live and eventually die, albeit a bit sooner than otherwise, with the consequences. And stop asking for magic-bullet drugs.

Water dividend just won't wash

If a 15 per cent dividend payment to shareholders from a water supplier charging among the highest rates in the country isn't a windfall, then apples don't fall off trees when the autumn breezes blow. Anglian Water is not making this distribution because it is superefficient, or because it has busied round Cambridgeshire and Norfolk repairing all the leaking pipes. The payment is based essentially on its monopoly of water supply, and the inadequacies of the regulatory regime established by Nicholas Ridley and Margaret Thatcher. Labour should go ahead with its tax. It should also keep an open mind on further privatisation - and on the need to ensure that the private suppliers of public goods are either subject to competition or strenuously regulated.

Lessons to be

learnt in Africa

"The West can halt Africa's slide"

26 May); however, we have dabbled in education for Africa before. Go

back to the first decade of African

independence: one finds chains of

admirable secondary schools and

clusters of innovative universities

that raised the intellectual profile

their respective countries. Anglo-America was not slow to respond.

The promise was that a generation

women would release the potential

of liberated, informed men and

of the continent and make a life

So what happened to them? Those who are not long-since dead

at appallingly young ages have

been swallowed up by the selfseeking corruption that is

thickets of African politics. Either

that, or they have got out, or beer chased out, and now form part of

an increasing African diaspora. Invest in Africa now, and who is to

say we would not see our funds

We must not again superimpose

a quasi-British, exam-based system that promises non-existent urban

office jobs to school leavers and

university graduates. We should

take into account the fact that the last time we moved in with our

educational cohorts, we took not one whit of notice of local cultures,

with the result that although we

produced young people fit to work and live in our culture, we

outraged their parents, many of

produced a generation of unruly,

whom were convinced we had

disappearing down the same

drains?

necessary for survival in the

worth living for all its citizens.

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Sir: Kevin Watkins is right to suggest we raise the cash to get Africa's children back into school

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Britain must not rush into PR system

Sir: Donald Macintyre, in "A good time to help Ashdown and start on PR" (23 May), overlooks the key point that there is a multitude of different proportional representation voting systems in use world-wide, and many even within the European Union. The work of the Boundary Commission in drawing up new European constituencies for 1999, based on groups of the recently revised House of Commons seats, is now well advanced; unless we were to adopt one specific PR system without prior public debate and consultation, it is hard to see how such a fundamental

change could be introduced in time. The impression is sometimes given that PR is a brand new idea. when in reality it has been around a long time and a number of countries that originally adopted a PR voting system have subsequently reverted, at least partially, to first-past-the-post elections. Like a great many people I believe we should be very cautious before we abandon the traditional link between an elected member and an individual constituency, in any type of election. The constituency link ensures everyone has "their own" MP and imposes on elected members a degree of commitment and accountability to the electorate that most forms of PR do not, and that party list systems certainly fail to do.

The Labour Party has made a manifesto commitment to conduct a referendum on whether people in Britain want a change to a PR form of voting and to precede this by setting up an independent Electoral Commission to advise on alternative systems to our present one. This fair and reasonable approach should apply not only to the House of Commons, but to the European Parliament and local councils as well. If we avoid rushing into a possibly unwise form of PR for the European elections in 1999, then it could be introduced, after thorough preparation, for the elections in 2004. MICHAEL ELLIOTT MEP (London (lest, Lab) London W13

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Sir: Donald Macintyre (23 May) is right to identify the European elections of 1999 as an opportunity for Labour 10 introduce a pluralist voting system. But there is an earlier opportunity.

The Queen's Speech offered the people of London the opportunity to set up a strategic authority for our capital city. Labour is producing a consultation paper in July. To establish a strong, consensus-seeking assembly which will work with rather than in competition to a newly elected London mayor, we need PR for London. SUSAN BUNKER CHARLES HARVEY ALASTAIR MORRISON DAVID ROBINS London Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform London NI

Tough justice in the trenches

Sir: The matter of the execution of servicemen for alleged cowardice, desertion and related offences in the First World War (-Labour pardon for war 'cowards' ". 27 May) is bound to elicit sympathetic reactions from sympature to the public with no real Northwood, Middleser members of the public with no real



knowledge or experience of active

service.

The fact is being ignored that in only 10 per cent of courts martial cases in the First World War in which the death sentence was given, was the sentence carried out. It is normal procedure for the verdict and the sentence of a military court martial to be reviewed by a senior officer. Clearly, in 90 per cent of the cases the reviewing officer considered that either the evidence called for clemency, or the accused had not received a fair trial.

Anthony Bevins and Steve Boggan highlight a case in which a soldier "as young as 19", was executed. Age, colour and creed are irrelevant. All service personnel are equal as members of a team dependent upon each other for their individual safety in an operation. LWWRIGHT

Captain (Ret'd) The Parachute Regiment Ipswich, Suffolk

Sir: You quote the historian, Julian Putkowski, who says that the officers knew the men they were sentencing to death were 100 young and should simply have been sent home" ("Army firing squads killed boy soldiers", 28 May). Had this been done, how many soldiers would have claimed that they were under age - truly or falsely - and applied to be sent home?

Surely it was those officers who knowingly recruited under-age soldiers and posted them to France who were most to blame. It would be interesting to know how many youngsters failed to get into the Army because of the vigilance of recruiting officers. LEOHAYNES

Health care for our communities

Sir: The "patient-focus" care you wish to see (leading article, 23 May) has always been the basis of care in community hospitals. This sector has been overlooked by all governments, and at the moment there is a proposal to close 14

community hospitals in Powys. It is an opportune time for the new government to look closely at this sector. Community hospitals are an inherent part of primary care and should be incorporated in the primary care sector immediately. Ninety-five per cent of all NHS health care is carried out in the primary care/community hospital sector. For far too long community hospitals have been within the secondary care sector and at the end of the queue for financial investment, but at the front when it

comes to reduction of services. Had Mr Caines's father been in the Whitby area, all his care would have been done in one place, local to his home, co-ordinated by his GP. We are extremely lucky to have this facility here. But the higher echelons of NHS management do not seem to understand its pature.

Let us have a radical rethink and bring the community hospitals, finance, management and future development into a primary care Locality Commissioning Unit where it belongs. Such a unit could hold the financial allocation for the whole area - GPs, community hospitals and some other services and manage it for the benefit of its community. The patients would love to see this happen, and would reciprocate by expanding their already substantial voluntary contributions to this sector.

The community hospitals are a much-loved part of the NHS, appreciated by all who either use or work in them. Many managers in industry would give their right arm to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated workforce. DT ALAN BRIGHOUSE Co-ordinating Manager Whitby and District Health Forum

Winning the ratings race

Whitby, North Yorkshire

Sir: Your article ("Courting the uptown boys", 26 May) contained an error about ITV's ratings for Formula One. ITV achieved an audience of more than 1 million more this year than the BBC did for last year's coverage of the Brazilian Grand Prix (6.8m vs 5.7m), and an audience on a par with last year for the races from Australia (3.3m vs 3.2m) and Argentina (6.0m vs 6.0m).

Although our rating for the San Marino Grand Prix reflected the early effects of the "Damon factor", the audience was by no means down year-on-year to the extent you suggested. ITV gained a live audience of 4.1 million for the race, compared with the BBC's 5.0 million.

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edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.

Not all protesters are cuddly

Sir: In your editorial ("Unearthed: Little Nuggets", 22 May) regarding the trespassers at Manchester Airport's second runway site, I am glad that you recognise that they are wrong, but you must be joking in your portrayal of them as friendly and likeable.

You have clearly not encountered the violent acts they are capable of. Death threats, cars and property sabotaged, intimidation of families, physical violence, bombardment of rescuers with urine and faeces - definitely not cuddly and nice protesters in anyone's estimation.

Of course, there are peaceable people amongst the trespassers encamped at the second runway site, but there are also characters bent on causing damage and injury to people doing their jobs. There is even evidence that reputable ecologists have been threatened and intimidated when they have pointed out the environmental damage caused by the trespassers. Most of the people on the site have no connection with the area. The main effect of their action is to keep unemployed people in the

dole queue. I am disappointed that so many commentators have been conned into supporting the image of the trespassers they most like - as caring, peaceful demonstrators. Unfortunately that image is far from the truth.

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the view that "you can't help liking them", if you have full knowledge

of what actually happens on an eviction site. GRAHAM STRINGER MP Chair of the Board Manchester Airport

Long live the Internet

Sir: I fear that Andreas Whittam Smith has missed the point in his report of the recent Oxford Union debate (27 May).

I do not share his assumption

that the demise of the nation state is something that we should fear. To take the examples of censorship (Whittam Smith uses the less emotive term, "policing") and of nationalism ("common identity and culture"); a reduction of the nation state's influence in these areas is surely an outcome to be desired.

Whether or not the Internet will prove an effective tool for the reduction of trade barriers, for the empowerment of individuals, and even for the lessening of global tensions, remains to be seen. But this potential is not a threat: rather, an opportunity for positive change.

My own worry is not that the Internet will mean the end of national control over the populace; rather, that the all-too-powerful nation states, democratic or not, will. by over-regulation, succeed in preventing the Internet from fulfilling its liberating promise. I would; guess that the winning vote at the Oxford Union was at least partially engendered by a spirit of optimism, rather than by one of fear. CHRIS BRODY

London SE19

disrespectful yobs. DAVID WALLACE

Art, science

and stupidity Sir: Will Self is right ("Art, science and Self abuse", 24 May) to chide Lewis Wolpert for his clitist view of science and disparagement of common sense.

I vividly remember from last year, when a learned professor came to stay for a while, coming down to breakfast one morning only to find him poised over a twolitre carton of milk on its side and about to sever the cap with the bread knife. Having let out an expletive, I grasped the carton and to his utter amazement proceeded to remove the plastic tab and unscrew the cap. The house still bears the scars of other incidents with a less happy outcome, but which serve as a reminder of just how stupid clever people can be. Fr DOMINIC KIRKHÂM Manchester

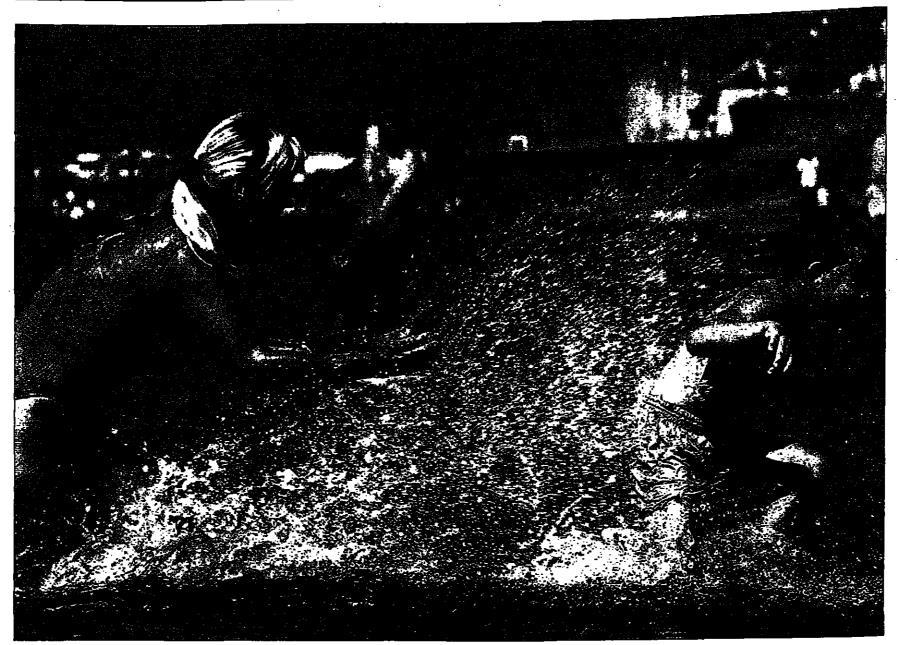
Ten-minute tricks of the mind

Sir: Being constrained by O-level biology, taken in 1950. I am unable to understand why it is that I can never remember 10 minutes later whether or not I have cleaned my teeth, yet am always aware without looking that there remains some undrunk coffee in my mug.

I suspect that this is not an uncommon experience. Can one of your scientifically erudite readers explain?

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In search of a bigger splash

he trademark white hills of central Cornwall, formed from the spoil of china clay workings, are being greened. Nowadays you can, just about, drive on dual-carriageway roads all the way to Land's End. The Camborne School of Mines, alma mater to generations of tin miners, has been rebadged as a campus of Exeter University.

Regional development policies

are back. And the South-west

needs them. But will Labour and the Lib Dems - allow it the strong coordinating body it

requires, asks David Walker

But unemployment is stubbornly high - Cornish GDP per head is 71 per cent of the UK average. You can't eat the stones of Tintagel; tourist jobs tend to be seasonal. North and west Cornwall is a low-wage, low-skill economy. The old West Country staples - fish, defence and mining - no longer work. St Ives may have its Tate Gallery but it, Newquay, Redruth and St Austell also have the feel of depressed areas. They are badly enough off to qualify for both Whitehall and EC assistance.

It sounds like territory ripe for Labour's new regionalism. SuperJohn Prescott is set to come haring down the agencies and maybe even new money. He and junior minister Richard Caborn have lately been criss-crossing the country, raising expectations, promising White Papers and bills. A regional development agency in every pot before Christmas and – somewhat more tentatively - a regional chamber or assembly in the new century.

Cornwall, north Devon and Plymouth, too, could be a lot more pros-perous. The same could be said in spades about Sunderland, Workington and the Cumbria coast, Bootle, Sandwell, Barnsley... and Kingston upon Hull, one of whose MPs happens to be John Prescott. That is why regional economic development is back on the policy agenda, along with the growing anxiety that English regions may start to resent all the political attention being paid to the Scots and Welsh.

New Labour thoughts, so far, seem to be running in the direction of the old formula of more government - new regional development agencies, budgets and powers as yet unspecified, plus "chambers" nominated by councils which might eventually become fully fledged elected assemblies.

But more government is just what Cornwall does not need. Not long ago, a meeting was convened in Newquay for local players in the game of economic different organisations turned up. Most were from the state and quangoland: district councils, the county, English Partnerships (the land development body), the Rural Development Commission, the Government Office for the South-west (based in Bristol), training

and enterprise councils, Business Links; the chambers of commerce and the variety of bodies spawned by the private sector, notably South West Enterprise, which is chaired by Sir John Banham, the former director-general of the CBI, and an energetic Cornwall booster.

So many voices make for cacophony. Thinking of investing in Coruwall? Where do you turn? What public money there is available for business development (a tidy sum in total) is split into penny packets. If a memorial were to be built to the follies of Thatcherism, this fragmentation of the public sector would be it. She came to power vowing to roll back the state. Instead she split into a hundred pieces, rendering it ineffective without saving much money.

rescott will fail unless he is prepared to do some drastic pruning in the West Country garden. The "South-west", the Standard Region as drawn in Whitehall's charts, stretches 230 miles from Swindon in Wiltshire down to the long, bony Lizard. This, 30 the purposes of National Planning. It has no identity: the burghers of Bournemouth look to Southampton and London rather than Bristol, the region's nominal "capital"; Truro and Trowbridge have little in common.

A much more realistic "region" com-prises the two counties of Devon and Cornwall, with headquarters in Plymouth. But before Mr Prescott gets down to redrawing the maps, he needs to ask just what it is these areas want and what, before central government gets into the picture, they can do for themselves. He needs to be convinced that the peripheral areas are doing all they can to maximise employment and opportunity. Do they have what John

Banham calls "anger and ambition"? Here's an anecdote from Plymouth, still struggling to come to terms with the rundown of Devonport naval dock-

yards. This summer, the Royal Shake-

a coup. But the troupe proposes to use a parrot and a dog live on stage. Agitation on the Labour-dominated city council benches. "Cruelty!" is the cry.

The play must not go on.

The tale was told to me, with much shaking of the head, by one of the few bankers west of Bristol left with the kind of discretion to decide on business loans without referring to London. There's no conception of what it takes to turn a city economy round."

The anecdote is about more than the pettiness of local politics. It shows that unless everyone in a region or area sings from the same sheet - and the message has to be "pro-jobs, pro-business" - no chopping or changing of the govern-ment machinery is going to make a difference. In Devon and Cornwall they complain about the money pumped into Scotland and Wales to subsidise investment there. They envy, too, the "onestop shop" for inward investors offered by the dedicated development agencies in those countries. But they miss the fact cal will to provide a home for investors.

When global competition for footloose capital is so fierce, you cannot afford to be picky. When even the prosperous German region of Lower Saxony is willing to send its leader on gladhanding tours of the United States seeking new investment, English regions will have to fight hard.

But pick up the Western Morning News and read the letters column. The antagonism towards Europe shown by protesting Cornish fishermen seems widely shared - despite all those Lib Dem votes. You still hear talk about Francis Drake and the dago... hardly an appealing location for companies to trade from within the European Union.

The West Country has lots of retired people attracted by the mild climate and cheapish housing. The green-welly brigade is powerful, too, when it comes to objecting to roads across moorland

land for factories and warehousing. The parochialism factor is high and growth-friendly councillors are few. How else to explain, for example, why it is impossible to get container lorries into the otherwise excellent deep-water harbour at Falmouth. (Too many houses were built too close in and lorries cannot turn.)

It would be naive to imply that regions hold their own economic destinies in their own hands. Capitalism tends not to like geographical peripherality - though Ireland is a case everyone is studying hard these days. Decisions taken in far-off corporate boardrooms can hit hard locally. Earlier this year, British Airways suddenly switched flights to Plymouth from Heathrow to Gatwick - robbing the West Country of access to many international connections. It's a major event when capitalists imagine space in terms of proximity to hub airports.

plausible and prosperous ecofor the West Country, beyond tourism. Schools are good, crime is low. There is already a number of thrusting small to medium-sized firms. Some dynamic players are newly on the scene, among them Sir Geoffrey Holland. vice-chancellor of Exeter University and ex-Whitehall permanent secretary. Since leaving the civil service he has been a whirlwind of regional initiatives. He wants to deepen the regional pool of professional skills - a precondition of business development. A plan to found a branch university in Penzance is well ahead.

Big firms are few but there are hightech firms in Torquay and Plymouth. Business movers and shakers, too, such as Mike Perry of pharmaceutical suppliers Stafford Miller, are full of enthusiasm. Ex-Navy officer turned developer Charles Howeson talks colourfully

about Devonport's commercial future.

speare Company are in residence, quite or preventing the release of agricultural Landowner Michael Galsworthy, friend of the Duke of Cornwall (Prince Charles) publishes a list of firms doing good business. There are John Hall types to come out of woodwork." he says, referring to the North East's Mr Big. But Newlyn is the second most important seaport in England, yet Comwall does very little seafood processing. (Lack of sites for plant and inadequate roads are among the reasons.)

So, if some ingredients are there, what can Prescott bring? One is admin-istrative reorganisation, "a lot of squashing" is how Michael Galsworthy puts it. This will be bloody. It will mean getting councils out of economic development, rewriting their land-use plans, abolishing English Partnerships, and dismembering the Rural Development Commission. In their place would be established a one-stop shop: a powerful regional development agency with a budget of at least £100 million. If it did not actually plan - economic planning is seriously out of fashion - it would have to "envision" - decide what kind and how the West Country should be marketed.

A regional agency would have to lobby Railtrack and the Department of Transport over infrastructure. Sir John Banham envisages it marshalling the regional contribution to welfare-towork schemes and the provision of jobs for unemployed young people - provided (he adds) the receipts from the well-off regional utilities such as water and power are recycled in the region. But could such a powerful agency exist without democratic supervision, especially in the West Country where Liberal Democrat pieties about participation are strong? One thing is certain. In the South-west, the advent of regional councillors or assembly people would be the death of any serious effort to pick up an underperforming economy and population and kick-start them on the growth path.



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Off with his head, and other sweet revenges

he BBC really ought to show more consideration. Of course, I can understand the attraction to the editors of morning radio shows of running news items with similar themes next to each other. It means that the bulletins flow a little better, and that the presenters' links are easier to write. But these smart folk should remember that some listeners - those who use the radio to wake themselves up - are still barely conscious, drifting in and out of sleep. At such times the different stories leech into each other, the characters of one becoming weirdly entangled in the plot of the other. When this happens, otherwise respected, intelligent men and women can go through the whole of the waking day insisting that the Taliban have iust toro through east Texas.

killing 13 in a trailer park. So vesterday, before I had properly awoken, I was convinced that something very odd was happening both in Washington DC and

Jeddah. The first of the two stories concerned Paula Jones, the young lady who claims that -in 1991 - Governor Clinton, unasked, showed her his

distinctive manhood. Ms Jones had just won the right to take the President to court for sexual harassment. Meanwhile there was an interview with the lawyer for Frank Gilford, the bereaved brother of the Australian nurse allegedly murdered by two British nurses in Saudi

Arabia. The lawyer revealed that Gilford, as the closest relative, was quite keen on the death penalty, should the nurses be found guilty. Since Islamic law (as practised by the Saudis) allowed him to choose the punishment, he was quite happy to go with the flow. Nice guy. Actually, I'm convinced that he will wait until after the verdict, and if the nurses are found guilty, he will then take the. blood money instead. But I'm an optimist.

Anyway, somehow Paula Jones and Frank Gilford got mixed up in my semisomnolent synapses. The smart lawyer was now speaking on behalf of the unwilling willy-watcher. Should Clinton be found guilty of whipping down his boxers uninvited, and suggesting the kind of treatment that decent people reserve for their lunches, then Ms Jones would have



David Aaronovitch

the right - as the aggrieved party - either to accept blood money, or to insist on the relevant amputation in front of the Capitol building. I then awoke, absolutely convinced that Paula Jones (or maybe Frank Gilford) held the future of Bill Clinton's cod firmly in her hands. One word from her, and a bloke with a floppy head-dress and nasty grin would spend next weekend sharpening his scimitar.

I must admit that I thought

this over-harsh. Most women over 20 can, I suspect, recount an occasion when a todger has been revealed to them inappropriately, though not with evil intent. As long

as it is put away again as soon as the mistake is discovered. many will be inclined to forget about it. What stuck in my mind

was the principle of the thing: the innate superiority of the Saudi system. Imagine a situation where - instead of there being the present cumbersome system of fines, community service, cautions and probation for offenders all crimes were punishable either by blood money, or by retaliation in kind, to be exacted by the victims themselves.

Those unfortunate readers who are already familiar with my own domestic obsessions will realise what is coming.

My current hate list is made up of three types of people: dog-owners who permit their animals to "foul the public footpath (actually, "permit" is a very poor word for those crepuscular pooch-lovers who take their animals out at twilight or dawn with the express purpose of fouling the footpath); litterbugs who dump their badly sealed rubbish bags just where the foxes and cats can get at them, or who think that the mere existence of a hin in someone else's front garden is an invitation to stuff their

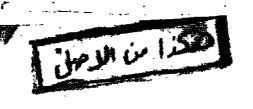
unfinished McDonald's inside; and - finally - cyclists who ride on the pavement, or on paths in parks that expressly bear the legend "no cycling".

In the case of the dogowners, I would demand the right to dip the shoes of the miscreants in faecal matter of my own choosing. Either that or their dogs would be beheaded in a televised ceremony live from Battersea.

With litterbugs, their victims (which might consist of entire neighbourhoods) would be given care blanche to place whatever malodorous rubbish they could find, anywhere in the premises or on the person of the offender. Pavement cyclists would be made to stand in the middle of a fairground dodgems rink on Bank Holiday Monday, while old-age pensioners collide around them at speed.

This inspiration may have occurred to me in a peculiar way, but I sense that the present Home Secretary may not be entirely unsympathetic to it. Actually I heard him on the radio the other morning. talking about his starring role in the new Spielberg movie.

Miles Kington is on holiday



A good time for Clinton to get away from it all

his may be hard to believe in Britain, where President Bill Clinton's stopover in New Labourland today is the climax to an all-star European tour in praise of the transatlantic relationship, but as far as the American public is concerned he might as well have stayed at home. From the moment Mr Clinton learnt, though he met Rosis shortly before he met Boris Yeltsin in Paris, that he had lost his appeal against a lawsuit brought by a certain Paula Jones, his trip—and any domes-tic kudos that might have accrued from it—was effectively

Thereafter, the all-powerful US television networks, the allpervasive American talk shows, not to speak of downtown bars. were buzzing with only one question: would Ms Jones's case come to court before Mr Clinton left office in the year 2001, and if it did, could he survive. Mr Clinton is accused by Ms Jones of sexual harassment when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a junior state employee. And if her highly graphic allegations are true, the charge of sexual

harassment seems lenient. Ms Jones's claims are far from proven. They have not even been fully investigated (by the courts, that is, though journalists have had a good go). The judgment that went against Mr Clinton this week simply allows the case to proceed. However, the fact that he went

case to proceed. However, the fact that he went as far as the Supreme Court to argue that it should not, at least so long as he was President, showed how seriously he took it.

That Mr Clinton should arrive in London

burdened by allegations of the sort that have driven not a few British politicians from office is a small irony and could cast a shadow over a visit that honours Tony Blair. But the coincidence also highlights the differences between two men who are often compared.

Both of the post-war generation, both married to high-flying lawyer wives, both of a left-ish disposition, both prepared to embrace policies more commonly associated with the right, if only to win office, Mr Blair and Mr Clinton have much in common. They even share some advisers.

On the matter of women and sex, or - in more guarded parlance - family values, how-ever, there is a difference. Mr Blair campaigned as a happily married man with three children who warned his ministers and MPs-to-be about the political risks of dalliance. Mr Clinton was te exno vate life which included at least one undenied case of adultery and the suspicion - never

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doused - of more. Yet neither man's reputation seems to have had the effect on voters, especially female voters. that might have been predicted. Women voters had a generally less favourable view of Mr Blair than men did, while with Mr Clinton the so-called gender gap was reversed. Polls on Mr Blair suggested that women found him a bit too good to be true; their use of the adjective "smarmy" suggested mistrust. With Mr Clinton, though, whose evasive answers about his private life and much-reported indiscretions seemed to offer ample cause for mistrust, there was no women-voter problem at all, on the contrary. One simplistic reason may be the same reason why Mr Clinton enjoys such apparent success with women in general: his



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Americans have one big question for their President. And it is not about today's visit to Britain

almost small-boyish manner, and his perceived sincerity. Whatever his sins, Mr Clinton gives the impression of knowing what would have been right. Whether for reasons of political expediency - as some would say - or not, he and his wife have stayed together and brought up their daughter with a degree of commitment that

Mr Clinton, moreover, had one advantage over fallen British politicians and those of British politicians and those of his compatriots who fell foul of the gossip columns. He never claimed to embody family val-ues, he only aspired to try. But something else sets the two leaders apart. Mr Blair has

has met every requirement of

conservative America.

a degree of personal confidence that comes from power. But Mr Clinton has a natural aura of authority, a personal magnet-

authority, a personal magnetism, that seems to compensate for many failings. Insiders may complain of his indecisiveness and openness to lobbying, but this is not a face the public sees.

They sense his power, they respond to his genius for finding the right word and the right register for any occasion and any individual – from state leader to homeless flood victim. They admire his mastery of complex subjects, from arms control to social security, that compares with the legendary compares with the legendary ability of Margaret Thatcher to

marshal an argument.

All this is why, despite the threat of a messy and damaging lawsuit brought by one of those rare women who did not succumb to his charms, Mr Clinton might just escape - not through the lenience of any judge, but by his own lights. Dubbed "slick Willie", he has shown a great facility for extricating himself from apparently bopeless situations.

He could settle out of court – a move that

could leave him financially crippled when he leaves office and seems a tacit admission of guilt. He could persist in his denials, tough out the lawsuit and save some dignity by testify-ing in private; but he would have to be confident of his innocence. Perhaps, though, he could take the brazen approach, go on tele-vision to admit Ms Jones's charges, insist that his pre-presidential private life has no effect on his ability to fulfil his duties and assert that - unlike certain other presidents in similar situations - he has neither forced his accuser's silence nor bought her off. His combination of power and charm, sincerity and contrition could win the day.

greatly reduced from the \$700,000 she is now claiming for loss of reputation. Mr Clinton already has a quorum of women on his side who ask why it took Ms Jones more than two years to mount her accusations.

The President's only difficulty would be his earlier insistence that he had never knowingly met Ms Jones. Lying, as we have recently learnt from the US military, is considered a more heinous crime than adultery, and a cover-up, as Richard Nixon learnt to his cost, is considered worse than the crime.

When Tony Blair plays host to Clinton in London today he will doubtless take comfort from his own clean bill of moral health. But however grave Mr Clinton's political difficulties, the US President is not to be underestimated. As a practitioner of the political arts, he still takes a lot of beating.

A good home's where the art is

by Polly Toynbee

hat is government for?
Good governments set
out to provide the best possible standard of living for the most people. Money is the currency governments deal in, measurable outcomes, easily defined. But what of the pursuit of happiness? We are all supposed to know, taught at our mother's knee, taught by religion, taught in schools, that money isn't everything. Can't buy me love, the Beatles sang.

It is harder to be happy if you are miserably poor, but not impossible. The worst aspects of powerty are often not the lack of cash itself but lonely, depressed, isolated lives in frightening estates with nothing worth doing and no one interested in defined. But what of the pursuit

doing and no one interested in anything you might be able to do - the life of a human vegetable. Scattered bands of community workers struggling to breathe life into godforsaken urban wastelands talk of "empowerment". Hope awakens here and there, where people do somehow manage to create some sense of community for themselves, a few small flowers in the desert. When it happens it is a triumph of the human spirit. But it is too much

human spirit. But it is too much to expect the most depressed and unself-confident people to do it all by themselves without help and encouragement.

Today, Use or Ornament: The Social impact of Participation in the Arts is published by Comedia, a group with a long record of arts research and planning, funded by Rowntree, Gulbenkian and others. They Gulbenkian and others. They have assessed the best arts projects, measuring the immeasurable, counting the added happiness and life-enhancement the arts can offer.

In the hard-nosed Tory era, the arts had to justify their existence by proving they were commercial. The talk was all of "art multipliers" and the "cul-ture industry". The emphasis in Labour's pre-election arts man-ifesto, Create the Future, reflected this arts-as-milch-cow attitude. Mark Fisher, now arts minister, said at its launch last March: "The Labour government will be sympathetic because we know the cultural economy is not only good for ment. Culture creates jobs." As one writer caustically pointed out, if the arts are only good for investment, employment and tax yields, then you might get a better return putting your money into the arms industry.

Community arts got a bad name in the late Seventies and early Eighties. The phrase evokes images of hideous GLCfunded murals with political messages corruptly commissioned by friends of those on arts committees without asking communities what they wanted. Brixton still suffers a vast and dreadful example of a skeleton genuinely, as the community wicked Uncle Sam astride a



New bricks and mortar have failed time and again to make life better for the poor. Local arts projects can make the difference

nuclear-bombed-out world exchange the chance to cultivate from the days when Lambeth vas a nuclear-free zone. Often the budgets were hijacked by disabled black lesbian writers' co-operatives and their ilk who alienated the communities they were funded to serve.

Community arts have always had a raw deal. Planners regard them as an afterthought, the herry on the cake. dow-boxes to gild their housing schemes. They fight off the idea that a significant part of their regeneration budgets might go to anything so frivolous and expendable. At the other extreme, the "real" artists fight off any depredations on their budgets for a lot of amateurish dabbling which is plainly social work and therapy, not "real" art at all. This report appeals to both sides to tilt their attention towards both the artistic and social value of good community arts. The arts establishment has to learn to value participation,

needs its skills, and offers in

a new audience. Planners need to ask themselves exactly what is to be renewed if not the

people themselves?
The report bristles with examples - some large, some small but telling, such as the resident artist on a desolate estate who gets everyone to design their own ceramic numwider participation. Two parttime artists in a down-and-outs' hostel transformed the place and for the first time made the residents feel valued and useful, so there was no vandalism of the new elegance they had helped create for themselves. One crime-ridden estate decided they wanted to be known for something other than crime, so through arts, drama and local history projects they are transforming not only the reputation but the reality of

Surveying all those who have taken part in arts projects. people talk of how their lives

have been changed. Eighty-four per cent feel more confident about what they can do, 80 per cent have learnt new skills, 91 per cent have made new friends, 86 per cent want to do more projects, 63 per cent have gone on to help in other local activities and 73 per cent say they are

happier since being involved. These are the personal sures the effect on crime and fear of crime, on improving relations between the young and old and on reclaiming the unemployable.

The chief executive of Making Belfast Work, the government urban regeneration scheme, told a conference recently that if he was starting

all over again now, he would begin with culture: it had proved to be the key transforming process in all that he had done. He gave an example of a play from a Shankill drama group about Protestant Irishmen who died on the Somme, which was so strongly acclaimed that the Catholic Falls Road arts centre invited them to perform it there, something unthinkable until then. He said, "Too often urban regeneration focuses on the power and resources; cultural development is essentially about the why."

We have learnt little since the errors of the Sixties: new bricks and mortar have failed time and again to make life significantly better for the poor. As the Joseph Rowntree Foundation recently reported, it is the quality of community life that makes or breaks an area as much as the

This report shows how arts projects draw in people who never otherwise get involved. Anyone who has sat through interminable tenants' association meetings about lampposts and council agendas knows exactly why so few people take to community action: those who do are often the sort of busybodies who alienate others.

But arts schemes open new doors and windows. The disaffected young who would never go near youth clubs are easily drama. Art is exciting, it is status, it is inclusive, it is not dogoodery by others, nor does it proceed through quarrelsome committees. It has the power to

transform anyone anywhere. This is about what arts can do for society instead of the arts holding out a begging bowl for more funding. At a time when at long last we have a government thinking deeply about unemployment, crime and social alienation, here is research about something that works and costs relatively little.

There will always be large numbers of people who cannot work for one reason or another because of where they live, their physical state or their age No one is likely to offer them more money ... but they could be offered a better chance of

There is no reason for thinking That, if you give a chance for people to think or live, The arts of thought or life will suffer and become rougher,

And not return more than you could ever give.

(Louis MacNeice)

'VE BEEN spending the week en famille in a cottage in the Brecon Beacons, nestled snug as dormice in the bowl of the Olchon Valley. The children clamber up a succession of tiny waterfalls and sit on tree boughs in silent contemplation of the mossy landscape, as if planning to write The Prelude at some later date. A huge harvesty moon accompanies your homeward trek from the area's tiny pubs, and at night the Plough hangs directly above the cottage roof as if it has suddenly decided to descend a few million miles to startle the humanoids snoring rapturously under the ancient beams. Wherever you drive along the tiny Indian-file-only lanes, an elaborate courtesy prevails among road-users. When you meet other motorists, it takes only a second to decide, bilaterally, who should reverse to the nearest passing-place and who should be allowed to cruise by. The transaction is invariably genial and altruistic, leaving both parties wreathed in smiles, as if road rage were something unknown beyond, say, Hereford. It must be something in the atmosphere. Even the sheep grazing precariously on the steep hillsides seem to bleat apologetically, like several butlers

trying to interrupt a tryst in the drawing room. The only thing you have to fear around these parts are your fellow metropolitans. We set off the other day to walk on Offa's Dyke, the great earthwork that used to separate Celtic Wales from Anglo-Saxon Herefordshire. It rears out of the countryside like a box of Toblerone, overlooked by the looming slab of the Back Hill, but hardly looks threatening, so off we went, four grown-ups, three children, one baby and one dog. Expecting little in the way of a challenge we pulled on gumboots and carried cameras and bottles of sparkling Malvern, and sang amusing hiking songs. Half an hour later, we arrived at the top of the dyke, brokenwinded by drink and fags, crippled by crap footwear, knackered by the 45-degree gradient, noses blistered by the boiling Weish midday sun. We were a tragic sight as we collapsed in a heap. The haby started a steady squalling that threatened to last for hours. The dog, delighted by its energetic walk circled the top of the dyke. One of our number decided it was time for a group photograph ---

It was at precisely this moment that the other walkers arrived three sets of them - proper walkers, the real thing. I looked at their tense, furrowed, 100-miles-a-day faces, their

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Timberland boots and Karrimor nicksacks, their Bang & Olufsen compasses, their Heckler & Koch binoculars, their crampons and iron-ration packs and Ordinance Survey maps and copies of No Through Road ... They looked at our little party - the ill-advised Versace jackets, the £80 Paul Smith strides flecked with mad, the inappropriate gamboots. The baby's squalls rose a notch in volume. The dog decided it was time for a mid-morning dump on a slate outcrop. "Smile everyone!" said my friend with the camera. We posed, a ghastly crew of townies, triumphant at having got to the starting point of a trek. Behind us the real walkers were backed up like a funeral procession in the Olchon Valley lanes, waiting for us to get out of the way. "My God," breathed one of them, in the unmistakable tones of the Bayswater Road, "these bloody tourists ..."

T THE Hay Festival, where variously favoured draughts of culture (Duncan Grant, Beethoven Quarters, the Welsh Gospel, Cyril Connolly, the architecture of molecules and the disestablishment of the

Church of England) have been ladled down the throats of bookish punters all week, the most amusing exchange came during a session with Will Self. Self was there to chat about Great Apes, his new novel which pulls a lot of satirical strokes by reimagining the human world as populated by chimpanzees all except for one man.

He was on excellent form. Clad in skinny denims, he loped on stage with a handful of Heineken cans and smoked languidly throughout his interrogation by one Elizabeth Young, who had stepped in at the last moment to replace Suzanne Moore. An unusual interviewer, the enterprising Ms Young

didn't so much ask him questions about his oeuvre as advance her own views on the history of satire and pursue what seemed a private agenda of psychosexual dreams. Revealing that she had once entertained notions of becoming a black panther, she confided that she felt "a certain empathy" with Self's fictional descriptions of inter-species

She especially liked the prospect of an encounter with an alpha-male primate. Did Self share her view? God no, he said, apes are five times stronger and more aggressive than humans. They'd tear you apart. What

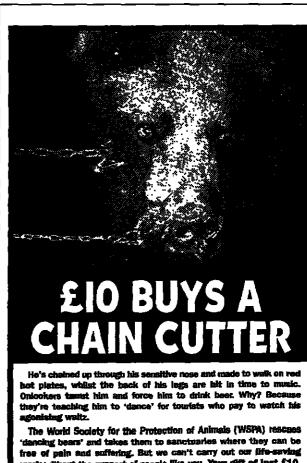
a horrible idea. "How interesting, Will," she purred, "that your worst nightmare should be my most intense fantasy ...

An unspoken invitation seemed to hang in the air. "Oh all right," said Self coolly. "But shouldn't we have dinner first?"

N THE last few days I have met, for purely professional reasons, two American legends – a Hollywood one and a Tin Pan Alley one - and they've both been big surprises. Tony Bennett, the hawk-nosed crooner, explained to me the mysteries of Oriental perspectives in realist painting (for which I was obviously very grateful) and Jerry Lewis misquoted T S Eliot's Four Quartets at me ("It's all about simplicity, John - a condition that costs nothing and everything

...") for which I was even more grateful. It means, I'm afraid, that I will now spend months dragging Zen aesthetics and Modernist poetry into every conversation, just for the chance it gives me to say, "Tony Bennett explained it to me once. Apparently, in Shinto culture ...

I've never been a big name-dropper. No really. I can't stand that kind of affectation. I abhor factitious familiarity. Matey allusions to famous friends cut no ice with me, as I was pointing out to Prince Rainier and Bob Dylan only the other day. I am, however, a connoisseur of other people's name-drops. I have nothing but admiration for a lady friend who occasionally murmurs the words, "When I was going out with Warren Beatty ... " and thus draws every female face towards hers in mute inquiry. ("And how exactly ... ?"). And she did too, for about 48 hours, 20 years ago. I love the way a famous male chum in movie circles does an elaborate Reverse Namedrop, as if to deglamorise the encounters he reports. "Yeh, I had lunch on Sunday with this actor. Have you heard of him? You know who I mean by Tom Cruise?" But my favourite moment of mishandled nomenclature was some years ago in Ireland. I was standing with a girlfriend at her family home in Donegal. Every mealtime. her brother - a glamorous entrepreneur just home from Chicago or Sydney or Moscow would regale the company with stories of what he said to Jagger or how he danced with Makarova or had a guitar made for him by Paco Pena. I watched in fascination as the father of the house smiled at his offspring's giddy familiarity with celebrities, and I thought. my God, the old man's going to trump his son's ace any second now. Finally he did. "That reminds me of the time I was lecturing in Genoa," said the father. "I was having a drink with Cardinal Montini - that's the present Pontiff, by the way - and he said to me.



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Arnault row may jeopardise Guinness deal

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

The proposed £24bn merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan was dealt a potentially fatal blow yesterday when a simmering dispute between Guinness and the key shareholder, the luxury goods group Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, broke into the open.

Bernard Amault, the LVMH chairman, who was the only member of the Guinness board to vote against the merger, said the deal would constitute a

Guinness and therefore trigger if the deal goes ahead. clauses in the joint venture arrangements signed between the two companies three years

Under those agreements, LVMH has the option to purchase, at net asset value. Guinness's interest in all their existing joint ventures if there is a change of control. LVMH also says it would have the right to repurchase the 34 per cent stake in Moet Hennessy from Guinness at a discounted price. The LVMH statement

change of ownership of said it would exercise its rights pressed ahead with the merger

If the attempt succeeded, LVMH would operate the joint ventures independently and have the right to market and distribute Guinness brands in key markets such as China, France, Hong Kong, Singapore and the US for the least 10 years.

Guinness dismissed the claims saying: "We are com-pletely confident that there is no basis for this assertion." The company said it had had five teams of lawyers working on the with lengthy legal proceedings deal and would not have in prospect," said Charles Win-

plans if it had not been confident that it would withstand legal challenge. However, it is likely that the claims will seriously delay the merger which could now be subject to lengthy litigation in French courts.

While some analysts described Mr Arnault's action as little more than "spoiling tactics", others said it could place the Guinness-Grand Met merg-er in serious jeopardy. "I think it will delay and disrupt the deal James Capel, "The chances of it going ahead in its current form are now much reduced." Another said: "Guinness will have to consider the cost of giving up control of its brands that are distributed in some of the world's key drinks markets. It would se-

that Guinness might pay LVMH to agree to not exercise its rights, with some mentioning a figure of £1bn.

riously dent its income stream."

Analysts were speculating

However, John Beaumont "LVMH ... does not believe that of Merrill Lynch said Mr shareholder value will be max-

represent a "deal-breaker". He said the challenge was unlikely to stand up in court as the clauses in the joint venture were included to act as a deterrent if Guinness was the subject of a hostile takeover, not an agreed merger. "It is more likely that this is an attempt by Arnualt to try to get Guinness and GrantMet back around the

negotiating table," he said Yesterday's statement from LVMH hinted at this saying: "LVMH ... does not believe that

ston, drinks analyst at HSBC Arnault's broadside did not imised by creating a conglomerate combining certain businesses with no common thread."

Mr Amault had wanted Guinness to separate its beer activities from its spirits business to create a spirits giant in conjunction with LVMH. This proposal remains open for discussion," the statement said.

Shares in both Guinness and GrandMet fell by more than 2 per cent on the news. Guinness fell 14p to 582p while Grand Met closed 15.5p lower at 581p. Mr Amault will chair the annual LVMH shareholders' meet-

ing in Paris tomorrow. His relationship with Guinness has soured in the past year following his outspoken remarks on trading and share price performance.

Some analysts said he was trying to ensure that if the merger did receive regulatory approval then at least there would be significant benefits for LVMI-L

"He does not appear to be against consolidation ... just the way in which Guinness and GrandMet have struck this particular deal," said Nick Williamson at Crédit Lyonnais Laing.

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price cuts

Independent gas suppliers were last night seeking urgent talks with the industry's regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, after she ruled that British Gas could continue to offer controversial see

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lective price cuts to customers in the South-west of England.

Ms Spottiswoode said the ValuePlus package offered to 500,000 homes in the first do-

mestic competition trial area did

not amount to predatory pricing.

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Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Chancellor selects Bank committee

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The Chancellor has made three out of the four outside appointments to the Bank of England's new Monetary Policy Committee, subject to lastminute hitches.

All three are highly-respect-ed academics, and will do much to reassure doubters in the fipancial markets who feared Gordon Brown would make politically-motivated appointments. The Government is still looking for a business person for the fourth slot, but is having trouble finding somebody whose other activities would not conflict with giving advice on interest rates.

The three chosen so far are David Currie, a working Labour peer and Professor of Economics at the London Business School, John Flemming, an economist who is Warden of Wadham College, Oxford, and Charles Goodhart, a Professor of Finance at the London School of Economics. All are acknowledged monetary policy experts. who would prove very acceptable to the Bank of England itself.

The appointments could still fall at the last hurdle because it

ed to make sure the members of the committee would face no conflict of interest with their other work. Like many well-known academic economists, the three men undertake some private

consultancy work.

The potential conflict of interest with private sector work is the reason the fourth post, whom the Chancellor want to be a business person, has also turned out to be difficult to fill. Candidates who were intitially on the list such as Sir Christopher Hogg have had to be ruled out. Nor has the Chancellor been able to find a suitable female candidate for The Treasury said yesterday

that a formal announcement of the committee's membership would be made "shortly".

The first meeting of the Mon-

etary Policy Committee will be held on 5-6 June, with an immediate announcement of its decision on interest rates on 6 June. The Government intends to have the four committee appointments at least announced The four outside posts would.

be expected to carry a salary equivalent to full-time pay of around £125,000, although they will probably not be full-time



David Currie, 50, Professor of Economics at London Business School and working Labour peer. He worked as an economist in the City before becoming an academic. A member of the first Treasury panel of 'wise men' in 1993 while head ofthe LRS's centre for economic forecasting A

jobs. They carry a three-year

The other members of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee are internal: Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist, and Ian

rector. Two deputy governors will also belong to it; but the current deputy, Howard Davies, is to move to head the replacement

for the Securities and Investments Board, while the second post can not be filled until it is formally brought into being in

Report, published two weeks ago, indicated that the internal members of the Committee will be inclined to raise interest rates again before long. The Report concluded that, despite a favourable short-term inflation outlook, "inflation is more like-

John Remming, 56, Warden of Wadham

College, Oxford. Chief economist at the

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 1991-93. Worked at the Bank of England for most of the 1980s, as economic adviser to the Governor from 1984-1988 The Bank's latest Inflation

nolicy-makers start to tarnet a measure like the money ly than not to be above the tar- the inflation target. This will be get two years or so ahead". There might, however, be grounds for delaying the next move until after the Budget and the Chancellor's Mansion House speech. Not only might

"at least as tough" as the current 2.5 per cent or less, aides promise, but might take a different form.

Charles Goodhart, 60, Professor of Banking and

semi-retirement from the LSE, he is one of the

Finance at the London School of Economics. Now in-

country's foremost experts on monetary policy. Author

of 'Goodhart's Law', which states that as soon as

Mr Brown alter the stance of Monday, with 2 July now lookfiscal policy, he will also restate ing the likeliest date.

The date for the Budget will be announced officially on

cision said the ruling could not be taken as a precedent for the other competitive areas in the South-east and Avon and Dorset, where 240,000 cus-Gas's operating license to give three months' notice of any fu-

pleased with the announcement, but said the proposed new conditions were "up for discussion". It was too early to say whether ValuePlus would be of fered elsewhere.

manager of Calortex, one of the largest independent suppliers, called the ruling a "cop out". He said: "She had the tools to do something effective and she hasn't done so."

Plenderleith, an executive dithe new Bank of England Act. has proved harder than expect-Woolwich windfall up to £1,600

Financial Editor

Woolwich members are in line to receive share windfalls with an average value of £1,600 when the building society floats in July, a much bigger handout than they had previously expected. Estimates of the value of the next share bonanza emerged as Woolwich started writing to its 2.5 million members yesterday with details of their allocations. Analysts said yesterday the re-

cent rise in the value of bank

price of 250p. The minimum al-location of 450 shares would be worth £1,125 at that price.

In January, Woolwich said it expected a range of 175p to 200p, putting a price tag of just over £3bn on the society. The latest calculations mean Woolwich will be worth more than £4bn when it joins the stock market.

Issuing its listing particulars, Woolwich said it expected to make pre-tax profits of £210m in the six months to June, before a £26m charge to cover the cost of its stock market flotation.

£1,600 at a probable flotation to "consider ways to return housing market, predicting capital to shareholders". As with the Alliance & Leices-

ter and Halifax flotations, members who do not want to hold on to their shares will be able to sell them through a series of four auctions to institutions. Unlike the other floats, however, the auctions will not take place until after first dealings on 7 July in order to maximise the price raised for members.

Commenting on its shortterm trading outlook, Woolwich was upbeat about prospects for future growth in its lending, inshares meant the average allocation of 658 shares per member would be worth more than at a share buyback, promising shares meant the average allovesting and insurance businesses. It was also optimistic about the outlook for the UK erage windfall of almost £2.500.

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house prices would grow by 6 per cent in 1997.

The latest information from Woolwich coincided with yet another increase in the price at which Halifax shares are expected to close on the first day of dealings next Monday. Clients of the spread betting specialist, IG Index, were yesterday placing bets that im-plied a price for the shares of between 740p and 750p.

Halifax's original estimate was that its shares would start trading at between 395p and

Sir John Egan claims hotel prices threaten London's tourist trade

Rachael Jolley

Inflation-busting price increases over the last three years by boteliers in the capital could result in the loss of business to other European cities, warns Sir John Egan, chairman of the London Tourist Board. In a private letter sent to

hoteliers in London, Sir John wrote: "I simply ask you, when setting prices, to recognise the danger that London faces of once again creating the per-

tions for Beijing Enterprises is

a reflection of the current fad

for newly issued red-chip coun-

ters. Red chips are companies

those of shareholders and employees, but the recent oversall outstaning success of London

appears to be in jeopardy." London hotel prices have continued to rise this year with supply still outstripping de-mand. A recently published survey by Arthur Andersen showed that the average London room rate was £91.24 in 1996 up from £80.49p in 1995 a rise of 13.4 per cent.

The London Tourist Board calims that hotel room rates in

inflation of 9 per cent. Sir John also warned that, the continued appreciation of sterling meant that anticiapted room rates for this year in mark and franc terms would be 70 per cent above 1993 prices.

Research by the London Tourist Board found that tour operators were reporting London had dropped from being the most popular European city destination to the number three slot because of higher prices. London was rated as the second most expensive city in Europe for hotels, after Rome in the survey.

supply business, is offering to cut bills by up to 12 per cent. Ofgas, the watchdog, said it had allowed ValuePlus to continue because competition in the South-west could be said to be established. Almost 105,000 households have switched from British Gas since the trial began a year ago, though independent

Anglian daims tax

suppliers argued numbers moving have dropped by half since ValuePlus was launched. Sue Slipman, GCC director, disagreed with the conclusions. We recognise that Ofgas had

a very hard decision to make. We do not share Ofgas's view that competition has been well enough established." The long-awaited Ofgas de-

tomers have switched to new suppliers. Ms Spottiswoode has also called for changes to British ture changes. British Gas Trading, the supoly operation, said it was

Neil Lambert, joint general

Beijing Enterprises 1,276 times oversubscribed

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

Today's flotation of Beijing Enterprises looks certain to join the South Sea Bubble and the crazy market in 17th Century Dutch tulip bulbs in the record books of stock market manias. The Hong Kong-listed investment company makes its debut this morning after an issue of 150 million shares to raise just £148.5m attracted applications worth a massive £18.9bn.

The rush to apply for shares

was so frenzied, market sources their refund cheques today share applications caused temsaid, that it threatened the very stability of the colony's banking system. Trading in Beijing Enterprises is expected to be so frantic that the Hong Kong Stock Exchange is making arrangements to prevent the computerised trading system from crashing. The Chinese-controlled in-

vestment company is coming to market with a record 1,276 times oversubscription rate. That means the vast majority of prospective investors will collect

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from the Museum of Chinese Historical Relics; a venue apparently chosen without any sense of irony.

Most analysts predict the shares will soar three times above their issue price, although few believe they will be able to sustain such an extraordinarily high rating, which would represent something ap-proaching 60 times the company's carnings.

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overnight rates soared to 26 per cent. It is quite possible that Bei-jing Enterprises will make al-most as much from the listing process as it will from the modest HK\$1,872m (£148.5m) raised from the sale of the shares. However the company announced it was making the unprecedented concession of not cashing cheques for unsuc-

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controlled by Chinese mainland corporations or conducting the bulk of their business in China. Investors are buying political in-fluence. Beijing Enterprises, for example, has been flaunting its connections with the local government in the Chinese cap-ital and suggesting it has the political clout to broker deals which others cannot match.

Gitic Enterprises, whose share issue was oversubscribed by 892 times. Also a holding company, it is closely tied to government entities in Southern China. An editorial in the Hongkons Standard newspaper described

the scramble for Beijing Enterprises shares as an indication that China understood Hong Kong people far better than the British ever did. It said the new sovereign power was husy posting a huge dollar sign, under-stood by all and signifying few Similar claims were made by doubts about the future.

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Scotland was owed about £4.2m at the time of the collapse. Last night neither Wakebourne nor the receivers would

to buy Wakebourne

Chief strikes deal

Chris Godsmark

The chief executive of Wakebourne, the computer services group which announced its collapse on Tuesday, is understood to have struck a deal to buy the company off the administrative

The move, for an undisclosed sum, comes just two weeks after Frank Emerson was believed to have offered to take Wakehourne private for 1p a share. The shares were suspended on 12 May after Wakehourne revealed it was in advanced discussions which could lead to an offer at "substantially below" the share price of 10.5p, valuing the group at that stage at £2.4m. It was unclear why Mr Emeron this or quiz the board."

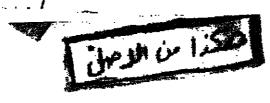
son, who has been with Wakebourne since the outset in 1984. decided not to proceed with the previous offer. Sources close to the company said yesterday Bank of Scotland had by then started to bounce its cheques. Wakehourne had debts of almost £10m when it called in the receivers, of which about £5m was owed to creditor companies who are now unlikely to receive any eash. The Bank of

comment on the deal or on spe-culation it involved job losses among the 300 employees, Some 6,500 small share-

holders have seen their invest-

ments wiped out in the collapse. Many hought Wakebourne shares after a national newspaper made the company "tip of the year" in 1993. The shares had peaked at 320p four years ago. Tony Scutt, from the Wakebourne Shareholders' Action Group, said: "The receiver has accepted an offer which was apparently on the table the day before the news appeared in the press. If the sale had gone to a proper tender we may have received more money. Now shareholders aren't going to get a chance to voice their opinions

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ness deal.



'Guinness and GrandMet have gone out of their way to

present this deal as a merger of two equals but there are several measures

by which this does

not hold true'

LVMH chief aims to get his pound of flesh

GrandMet merger yesterday was clearly designed to grab the attention of his own shareholders as much as anything as they gather today for the annual meeting of LVMH in Paris.

That said, the capacity of this agile Frenchman to make life miserable for Tony Greener and George Bull should not be underestimated. He may not have the means to produce a showstopper and his dream of a grand three-way global drinks alliance encompassing Moet Hennessy, IDV and Unit-ed Distillers may be just that. But he is clearly intent on levering the maximum amount out

Mr Arnault may actually have a point. It may well be true that the clauses in the joint enture agreements between Gumness and LVMH were included to protect Guinness in the event of a takeover not a merger, but Guinness may be being economical with the truth. Guinness and GrandMet have gone out of their way to present this deal as a merg-er of two equals but there are several measures by which this does not hold true. For a start GrandMet will control 53 per cent of the merged company if the deal goes ahead. And the new chief executive and head of spirits will both come from GrandMet.

LVMH says that even if Guinness is not breaking the letter of the joint venture agreements it is certainly breaking their spirit. This, they say, will be enough to win the day in a

The large spanner that Bernard Arnault threw in the direction of the Guinness-GrandMet merger yesterday was clearly de
The large spanner that Bernard Arnault threw in the direction of the Guinness-Having difference court where this issue will be decidate as a shareholder. Yesterday the Anglian board sprayed another £93m in the direction of shareholders, made millionaires out of the ficulties with their bills begins to look like have your money in. Just consider its imnault's challenge scuppers GMG Brands before it has even taken to the water, there are going to be some very embarrassed City lawyers who will be wondering if they have really earned their fees.

The response of the GMG Brands camp to anything that threatens to interrupt the smooth flow of their path to merger is to go into denial. The deal does not raise competition concerns because GMG Brands says it does not. Likewise Mr Arnault does not have a case that needs answering because GMG Brands says so.

Guinness and GrandMet face more serious regulatory problems than they admit to and they have now been hit by a French broadside. They may yet win the day but not before Mr Arnault and the regulatory authorities have extracted their pound of

Benefits pour in on Anglian investors

Here's a poser; what sort of business rais-es its dividend by twice the amount that profits have increased and then says its customers will have to foot the bill for the windfall tax? Tricky one, eh?

It never rains in Anglian Water country, or hardly ever, but it pours all the time if you ing dividend cover to two times earnings, the

men who run Hartlepool Water and then pleaded poverty when it came to the windfall levy.

Clearly the water companies are either past caring or beyond shame. Or perhaps both. As the first water company to report, Anglian is in a difficult position. It is hard to set the pace for the rest of the sector while simultaneously explaining why the windfall tax breaches all the rules of natural justice.

But if Anglian supposes it can empty out the coffers before Gordon Brown gets there it is labouring under a terrible misapprehension. On the other hand, if it believes it is within its rights to pursue a legal challenge to the windfall tax then it shows a lamentable lack of judgement. There are many things wrong with the levy, as this column has repeatedly stated. But all governments have a right to raise tax revenue the way they see

The argument that customers have done as well as shareholders out of privatisation of the water industry is also a flimsy one. Anglian may be one of the better performers careful husbandry of resources means that t has never had a hosepipe ban despite being the driest part of the country. But customers have also paid for that with the highest water bills in the land.

ficulties with their bills begins to look like a drop in the ocean.

The interesting question is whether those water companies which are even less deserving of sympathy will match the payouts on offer from Anglian. The betting is they

Look out for the South China Sea Bubble

Stand by for the South China Sea Bub-ble. The impending handover of Hong Kong to the Chinese has sent the colony's stock market into a frenzy and when investors are in that sort of mood the scent of burning flesh is rarely far behind.

The latest manifestation of this hysteria is the public offering of shares in Beijing Enterprises Holdings which closed yesterday 1,276 times oversubscribed. Put another way that amounts to £19bn of cash chasing £148m worth of shares.

When dealings start today the shares are expected to race to three times their issue price fuelled by the acute shortage of stock and the savage scaling down of applications. For all that, Beijing Enterprises, the lat-

est "red chip" to come to market, still amounts to a massive speculative punt. The company has little in the way of ashave your money in. Just consider its impeccable political credentials, being the fi-

nancial arm of the Beijing local authority. The parallels with the company that gave its name to the original South Sea Bubble are interesting.

That too was floated on a tidal wave of expectation - in its case that slave trading

would be massively extended.
It too had impeccable political credentials - George I agreed to become its Governor and handed over a large chunk of the national debt to its safekeeping. It too sucked in thousands of investors. The rest is history.

The only sure-fire winners from the flotation of Beijing Enterprises are its sponsors, led by Morgan Stanley Asia, and the company itself, which will probably make as much on overnight deposit as the entire offer will raise in new capital.

The other sure-fire winners are those who can get their money out before Beijing Enterprises suffers the same fate as Denway. another red chip which floated a modest 658 times oversubscribed and soared briefly only to fall to earth with a bump.

With unintended irony, investors who niss out on Beijing Enterprises have been told to pick up their refund cheques at the Museum of Chinese Historical Relics. Maybe that will also become the resting sets and even less in the way of contracts place one day for the share certificates.

Anglian claims tax will hit bills

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Anglian Water, one of the largest privatised water companies, yesterday accused the Government of dishonesty over claims the windfall utility tax would not lead to higher customers bills.

The comments came as Anglian unveiled an agreed £19.5m takeover bid for Hartlepool Water in a move which was unexpectedly supported by the industry watchdog, Ofwat.

Stepping up his attack on the windfall levy, Anglian's finance director, Chris Mellor, said he could not rule out making a legal challenge. He said the levy would undoubtedly hit customer bills in the next price review. "In the long run customers are going to have to pay for this tax. There's no getting round that and to say it won't hit customers is just dishonest."

Anglian brushed off suggestions it could easily afford to the tax, despite kicking off the water company reporting season with a 15 per cent hike in its dividend payout. "This doesn't indicate we've got money to burn. The round is just nonsense. If we have to pay the tax we'll have to borrow to do it." Mr Mellor said.

Headline pre-tax profits fell by 12.8 per cent in the year to the end of March after exceptional charges of £40.8m. Preexceptional profits rose by 7.7 per cent, to £257m.

The exceptional charges included £20m in restructuring costs to fund 300 job losses and £18.8m to cover problems with Anglian's international operations. Of this, £7.3m was to cover write-offs from its illfated joint venture in Brazil. The write-offs represented 60

per cent of the £12m which Anglian had paid into the venture. "It's not an episode we're par-ticularly proud of," Mr Mellor admitted. Asked whether the £12m had gone missing altogether, he said: "There are some pretty complex legal issues. Whether we'll ever get to the bottom of what really went on I don't know. I can't rule out that at any point in time

we will take legal action." Anglian said the bid for Hartlepool Water, which has been a quoted company since 1846, was part of its move to exploit embryonic competitive opportunities in the industrial market. Hartlepool employs 60 staff and has 90,000 customers.

Mr Mellor was surprised Ofwat had not asked for the bid to be investigated by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Anglian had agreed to notion we've got money swilling cut Hartlepool's charges by 5 per cent from 2001.

The deal will net almost £1.9m for Hartlepool directors, the bulk of which will be shared between Keith Hall, managing director, and John Bateman, finance director. The 266p a share offer price is 40 per cent above Tuesday's closing price.

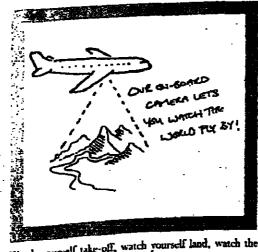
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THE FINEST IN THE SKY

Former Co-op executive in court over role in £1.2bn break-up bid



Facing the music: Alian Green (left), the former Co-op executive who was sacked for his part in Andrew Regan's £1.2bn break-up bid for the CWS, made a brief appearance in court yesterday for his role in the affair, writes Nigel Cope. He attended a preliminary hearing at the City of London Magistrates Court for the private prosecution brought by the CWS against him, Mr Regan and David Lyons, Mr Regan's business partner. Mr Green,

who sat outside the court during the hearing, is accused by the CWS of theft of confidential documents Accompanied by the criminal lawyer David Sonn, Mr Green refused to discuss his role in the bid. "I'm making absolutely no comment," he said. Mr Regan and Mr Lyons did not attend the hearing, which was adjourned until 18 June to give the defendants' lawyers more time to Photograph: Adrian Dennis

Thorn investors get cash back

latest in a string of companies to return cash to shareholders. The owner of the Radio Rentals brand announced it would give back £87m, 14 per cent of its market capitalisation, to shareholders just a day after EMI hatched a similar plan.

The news will cheer investors who have watched Thorn's share price more than halve from the 408p level it traded at when the company split with

EMI last August. The return, which will be finalised after July's annual meet-

offer to buy back. Mike Metcalf, chief executive, said the buyback talks with employee represen-tatives. In addition, Mr Metcalf would enhance earnings per said he had received ap-share on a pro forma basis by proaches for the Danish retail 12 per cent over 12 months.

Profit before tax of £171m was virtually unchanged from last year. Current trading difficulties were largely due to weaker-than-expected trading in the US rental-purchase business more financially constrained". the US rental-purchase business and Radio Rentals in the UK, Mr Metcalf said the UK would Mr Metcalf said.

Steps have been taken to improve profits with the closure of 90 Radio Rentals stores and

Thorn, the rentals group that split from music business EMI new B share for every existing en on marginal businesses in last year, yesterday became the ordinary share, which Thorn will continental Europe, following continental Europe, following chain Fona.

Although Thorn is seeking ways of cutting costs in Europe, it is to continue investing in the roll out of Crazy George's, the eventually support more than 275 outlets, and up to 25 shops would open this year.

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Twice as many staff work overtime

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The biggest increase in flexibility in the workforce has come through extended overtime rather than short-term contracts or part-time work, according to a new study. Con-Investment column, page 25 tradicting the conventional wis-dom that temporary and part-time jobs have become more important, it found that more than half of all employees

> The research by the Policy Studies Institute, commissioned by the Department for Education and Employment, shows that the proportion working paid and unpaid overtime has more than doubled since the mid-1980s.

now worked a variable number

of hours per week.

Other types of use of flexible labour have also increased during the past decade, but far less dramatically, and the number of workers employed on shortterm contracts remains very low. Only about 4 per cent of employers in both manufacturing and services make extensive use of patterns of work such as temporary contracts. The exception is the public sector, where it has become a fairly common practice.

The proportion of people in temporary jobs climbed from 4.3 per cent in 1984 to 6.5 per cent in 1994. The proportion working part-time rose from 20.4 per cent to 25.4 per cent. But the proportion working variable hours soared from 29.7 per cent to 52.5 per cent.

The report found that parttimers were more likely to be women, while men were more likely to work overtime.

Very few employers used more than one type of flexible employment pattern. Those that did tended to be those where labour costs formed a big proportion of total costs. Economics column, page 26

Wenger steps up as Lyons quits Doulton

Sameena Ahmad

Stuart Lyons, Royal Doulton's combative chief executive, was ousted yesterday after 12 years at the helm of the world-famous chinaware company. Peter Whally, finance director, said the decision was by mutual agreement and would be followed by a review to improve profitability and management of costs within the company.

The company declined to

disclose the compensation that would be paid to Mr Lyons, who had a two-year rolling contract paying £175,000 a year.

In a statement ahead of yesterday's annual general meeting, Doulton warned about the impact of the strong pound and said trading at the start of the year had been "somewhat disappointing". Shares in the company slid 6 per cent to 261.5p. Sources close to the company

believe that Mr Lyons was asked to leave after the Doulton board rejected his proposals for an acquisition in Germany or the US. Doulton, which demerged from media group Pearson in 1993, said it had been in discussions regarding a possible transaction but would not now proceed. The group said interim results would include a £1.6m charge relating

Analysts welcomed the news of Mr Lyons' departure, but were disappointed that his successor would not be from outside the company. Mr Lyons will be replaced by Patrick Wenger. Doulton's managing director, who has been with the company for 37 years.

One analyst, who did not want to be named, said: "Stuart wasn't suitable as a chief ex-ecutive. He didn't appear to be driving the company forward in the right way and was painting a rosy picture to outsiders. But I would like to have seen a new proom.

The group's trading statement prompted analysts to trim their profit forecasts. Kleinwort Benson has its numbers from £19.8m to £18.2m for 1997. Doulton said sterling was adversely affecting both export sales and sales to tourists visiting the UK. Start-up costs re-lating to gas supply to the group's indonesian manufac turing plant would also affect first-half results and would delay full production levels at the plant by three months. However the company said order books from Indonesia were well above expectations.

Analysts said a new focus on costs was needed and the group was struggling in difficult mar-



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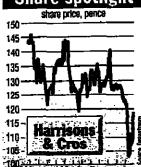
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Bid hopes for Harrisons as directors raise stakes

Harrisons & Crosfield, the said Harrisons was examining chemical to timber group, put a range of options to "maximise the group's future growth prospects and to enhance value on its best display for months as break up hopes were reinforced by director buying. for shareholders"

Director Mike Parker led the Two directors and the wife of buying, picking up 400,000 another picked up 491,000 shares at prices up to 114.5p with shares; chief executive Bill the shares jumping 10p to 119p. wife of director Michael Hart-At Harrisons' yearly meeting on Tuesday chairman George

nall settled for 6,000. Harrisons' shares have been in ragged retreat as profits have shaped. Some observers took failed to inspire confidence. They have fallen in the past the view a demerger was being year from 146p to 102p a few planned. But at a lunchtime presentation yesterday at weeks ago. Around Christmas stockbroker Panmure Gordon

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MARKET REPORT

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

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performance. Interim profits

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Turcan acquired 85,000 and the tle encouragement, Footsie 750p seemed, in the eyes of was at one time down 10.9 be- many, to be straining credibilfore a few late buyers ap-

> Grandmet topped the list of blue-chip fallers, giving up 15.5p to 581p; Guinness lost 14p to 582p.

> Financials were subjected to a little profit taking but a money share, Mercury Asset Management, managed to top the Footsie leader board with a 30p gain to 1,442.5p, just be-Astonishment over the lat-

est expectations for Halifax's 476p, off 15.5p. A few years ago début on Monday was another they were above 1,000p. Another profit warning from the WEW retail chain left the Mr Paul, addressing share- and Guinness suffering from factor restraining activity holders, talked about "radical the LVMH retaliation and among financials. Talk the opening price could nudge shares off 2.5p at 15.5p and

bridge store, offered a sad sign of how department stores have lost their more glam-orous ratings, falling 1.5p to 281p The shares, which touched 372.5p, were placed at 270p in April last year.

Wm Morrison, the supermarket chain, edged ahead 1.5p to 152p; stockbroker ity and most institutions, es-Charterhouse Tilney was sential players in the soaraway thought to have placed 5 milscenario, are felt unlikely to lion shares. buy if they feel the price has be-Hartlepool Water splashed

62.5p higher to 257.5p as Anglian Water produced a 266p bid. Shell, enjoying a round of investment presentations, gained 6p to 1215.5p. As the market closed little Emerald Energy announced it should approach costs of £15m have been sig-nalled. The shares closed at days". The shares had already

gained 0.5p to 5.75p.

Airtours, the holidays group, bounced 15p higher to 1,068.5p, on its move into the controversial timeshare busi-

Harvey Nichols, the Knights ness. BZW believes this could enhance profits by up to £30m. Berkeley, the housebuilder,

rose 25.5p to 690.5p on SBC Warburg support and Logica, the computer group, put on 14p to 864p as Nat West Securities switched its stance from reduce to hold.

Takeover speculation continued to flow around the JD Wetherspoon pubs chain with the shares foaming 37.5p to a 1,317.5p peak. This month they have risen 152.5p.

Thomas Potts, the printer, shaded 0.25p to 11.75p. Talk persists it will buy Coalite, the smokeless fuel business from troubled Anglo United, unchanged at 1.75p. Entrepreneur Nigel Wray has 22 per cent of Potts and is known to be anxious to complete a deal to beef up the group. Any Coalite deal will involve a fund raising exercise. Eurasia Mines jumped 30p to 250p on a signalled bid

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A profit surge at Wiggins, the property group, is forecast by stockbroker Greig Middleton. It expects profits to have climbed £3.9m to £4.9m in the year ended March and then to reach £7.5m this year. The shares are 9.25p.

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Compass agrees to £120m takeover of US catering firm

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Compass Group, the fastgrowing international contract catering group, yesterday enhanced its position in the US through an agreed \$195m (£120m) takeover of Daka International

Daka is a quoted company which provides contract meals and vending facilities for schools and colleges, factories and offices in 34 states in Amer-

The cash payment includes \$110m worth of debt, which Compass will assume. Compass does not envisage any problem is gaining the necessary approval of two-thirds of Daka's shareholders, and envisages the deal will be completed by the end of next month.

Allen Maxwell the president and chief executive of Daka, will join the board of the Compass division in the US.

Daka has been in business for more than 20 years and has 710

It also owns two retail restau-rant businesses, Champps and Fuddruckers, which are being demerged to Daka's existing shareholders and are not included in the deal with Compass.

acquisition is expected to be earnings neutral for Compass this year and earnings enhancing next year, Roger Matthews, the group managing director, said.

Compass is already estab-lished in the US market through Chartwells, its specialist supplier to UK schools and colleges, and through Professional Foodservice Management, which was acquired in August last

The latest acquisition will enhance Compass' existing buying power in the US and increase its clout in bidding for new contracts in a business

proven ability to cater for special needs at a keen price are all important.

Almost three quarters of the Daka turnover is in the education sector. This means that once it is on board it will The businesses that Com- more than double Compass's pass is buying had turnover of turnover in the education \$280m and yielded operating profits of \$17.5m last year. The ber four, possibly number three, ber four, possibly number three, in the US market.

The total US market for contract catering is worth an estimated \$21bn, about 70 per cent of which comes from schools and colleges, said Mike Bailey, the chief executive officer of the US division of

Compass.
Earlier this month Compass reported an 18 per cent growth in profits world-wide to £56m on a turnover of £1.17bn, in-cluding profits of £17.8m in the US, and the group narrowly failed to enter the FTSE 100 index at the last quarterly review in March. Compass shares were up 0.5p to 675p yesterday, valucatering contracts in 34 states. where size, experience and ing the group at £2.17bn.

Celltech profits delay

Sameena Ahmad

Celltech said yesterday that the failure of its lead drug for septic shock would mean the group would now not be profitable until 2000, two years later than expected.

However, Peter Fellner, chief executive, said the group's follow up treatment for the bowel condition. Crohn's disease. would replace at least a third of the value the company had lost after it was forced last week to abandon the sepsis drug, which was being developed in partnership with Bayer.

Dr Fellner said Bayer had returned the rights to the Crohn's disease drug and that Celitech had begun discussions with said that the group had five or 4.5p to 338.5p.

companies specialising in the gastrointestinal field.

He said that he expected to sign up a licencing partner on more favourable terms than with Bayer. *Septic shock was first, second and third on Bayer's list of priorities. Bayer had only agreed to develop the Crohn's drug on condition that the sepsis drug worked."

Dr Fellner said that pivotal

trial data on the group's leukaemia drug being developed with American Home Products was expected this year.

The group said that the value would also come from other more early stage drugs including a new approach to the treatment of asthma. Dr Fellner

six years cash left at current burn rates. He added that the septic shock episode validated the group's strategy. You can't run a pure biotech with low risk products and we do have high risk and innovative drugs. But we try to balance that with a low risk financial strategy, by hav-ing major partners who take on

the costs of research." Results for the six months to 31 March, announced yesterday, showed that the group had £41m cash. Underlying losses rose from £5m to £5.9m after research costs climbed £1.5m higher to £10m.

The group's shares, which were over 600p before last week's announcement, firmed

Thorn prepares for a tough year

thorn's promise to return £87m of excess cash to shareholders is small comfort for battered investors who have seen shares in the rentals group more than halve from their 408p level since splitting from EMI last August.

On the plus side, the handout is an obvious way to ensure that a long-term decline in profit doesn't feed through to earnings by reducing the number of shares in issue. Thorn estimates the handout will enhance earnings per share on a pro forma basis by 12 per cent over a 12-month period. Accordingly, City estimates of earnings per share for next year are in the region of 22.6p, and

Although Thorn's share price improved 12p to 162p yes-terday morning, by the end of the day it had fallen back to 156.5p, reflecting market concerns that, despite the sweet-ener for shareholders, the company has been slow to safeguard its future.

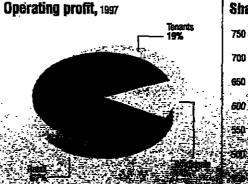
Thorn's chairman admits the cash bonanza can't disguise a tough year ahead. Profits before tax for the year to the end of March were flat at £171m, hindered by falling sales in the United States and poor results ments. The group has been from the UK's Radio Rentals forced to make a £17.1m provi-

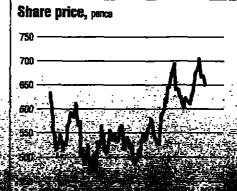
keeping check on its store is, at the moment, limited. portfolio. Meanwhile, the group hopes to open up to 25 more Crazy George's stores m the UK in the next year. Further afield. Thorn is tidying up loose ends and has received approaches for its Danish retail

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Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries: At a glance

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division. Thorn is now grap- sion against possible damages repling with these problems, al- lating to a case in Minnesota. beit belatedly, by focusing its Many in the City say these attentions on key brands such valiant efforts at reform are too the group has five proven pub as Radio Rentals and Crazy little too late and there is a styles including Taverns, which George's, a cut-price rental shortage of firm evidence to target the well-to-do and retired dence remains fragile, W&D outfit, and thinking again suggest that rolling out the customer, Taphouses for young about marginal businesses in Crazy George's brand is a good continental Europe. idea. City forecasts for pre-tax
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under-performing branches of a further drop to £130m ex-Radio Rentals was announced pected in 1998/99. Thorn's apearlier this year and Thorn is peal for mainstream investors

> W&D goes for a sexy image

Wetherspoon into the concept pub - branded houses serving bringing the total to 107. Howfood which target specific types of customer. W&D's managing director, David Thompson, says people who like loud music, and Purchasepocket, for lower-income families and "which serve the best chips in England". tumes rising by more than 8 per cent. This helped sales rise 13 per cent to £133m in the period, Mr Thompson is right to believe that branding is the way forward,

returns yet to come through. The first-half figures reflect these higher costs. Trading profit for the six months to 30 March rose just 9 per cent to £21.3m with lower margins re-increase in a pint of beer which

ever, trading was mixed with town-centre and food-led pubs performing well but overall like-for-like sales modest.

Though consumer confihas increased its market share, with total beer and cider volfurther boosted by expansion of the group's tied estate, extenbut the transition has meant sion of the concept formats and heavy investment costs with greater distribution of brands to wholesale customers.

Prospects for the second half look more lively. With spending on marketing and refurbishment lower and a 5p business. Fona.

A further thorn in the company's side is litigation in the US, where several US states are claiming customers have been thing more sery. The group is charged inflated interest rates as part of Thorn's rental agree
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market. And there are younger, more aggressively branded pub operators around these days, Hoare Govett forecasts £47m profits for the full year. With W&D's share price unchanged at 646.5p, a forward p/e ratio of 13 looks reasonable.

Refurbishment pays at Allders

the City is warming to Allders, the department store group which sold its duty-free business last year. Now a simpler company with which the City feels more com-fortable, Allders shares have performed strongly since January, when it turned in one of the season's best Christmas trading statements.

Having started the year close to their all-time low of 172p they rose another 11p to 215p yesterday following the first clean set of results since the duty-free sale to SwissAir last summer. Though the shares are still some way adrift of the 300p they reached two years ago, prospects are looking brighter.

Profits for the six months to 31 March were doubled at £16m and like-for-like sales were a healthy 13.3 per cent up. In current trading, same-store sales in the first seven weeks of the second half are 7.2 per cent ahead of this period last year.

Allders is benefiting from the improvement in consumer confidence. But it is faring better than most due to its exposure to the consumer durables mar-kets. Like-for-like sales are 30 per cent up in furnishings and more than 20 per cent ahead in electricals.

Management action has also helped and the relaunched Allders account card now has 250,000 members compared with just 90,000 last year.

With £17m in cash and a strong sales picture across most product sectors, Allders looks in a good position. On full-year forecasts of £18.6m the shares trade on a forward rating of less than 13. This is a discount of more than 20 per cent to the sector. Good value.

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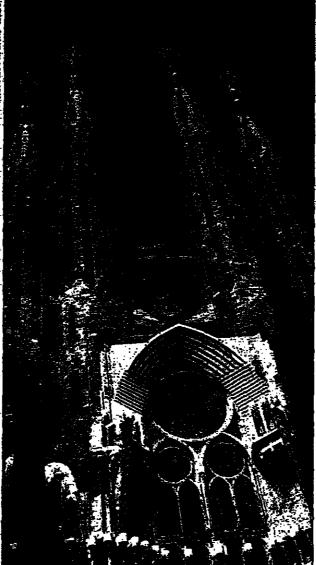
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Barcelona is an easy city to explore with many of the major sights within walking distance of each other. Wandering around and soaking up the streetlife, between regular stopovers in bars and cafes is an enjoyable a way of getting to know the city and is the best way to absorb quintessential

At night, Barcelona erupts with an array of nightlife. Waterfront cafes stay open until 5am, and a host of designer bars and clubs all combine to provide an exotic night life experience.

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In stark contrast to Barcelona's modern Olympic facilities is the city's greatest monument, Antonio Guadi's Sagrada Familia. Begun over a century ago and yet to be completed, the Cathedral still reaches it's crescendo above the city.

Artistically, Barcelona has many options. Gaudi, Picasso, Dali and Miro all have strong links with the city. The Meseu Picasso, housed within a Medieval Gothic palace, is a testimony to the years Picasso spent in the city amongst Catalonia's avant garde.

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Working towards secure jobs

the have been worrying for all of this decade about insecurity in the world of work. The dark side of flexibility. it dates back to the start of the recession in 1990, when for the first time since the 1930s the ups and downs of the economic cycle impinged upon white-collar and professional workers. Their risk of redundancy increased slightly. although to nothing like the much higher risk still faced by manual and unskilled workers.

The flap has continued lone after the recession ended, leading to delicious ironies like the publication by the New York Times of a special book, The Downsizing of America, just as the US unemployment rate headed sharply downwards. However, it is only now that a great deal of serious academic research on exactly which workers are insecure and why is

starting to emerge.
The Conservative government insecurity was mainly in the mind, pointing to the decline in the number of redundancies since the recession ended, and the fact that average tenure in jobs had not fallen all that much since the mid-1970s. Although both points were true, it persuaded nobody. The reason is becoming clearer with every new study into the detail of the jobs market. It is that it is almost impossible to generalise about people's experience of work and unemployment; averages are pretty useless as a guide.

On the face of it, a new report published today by the Policy Studies Institute backs the old government's case. The research, commissioned some time ago by the Department for Education and Employment, shows that the types of "insecure" work on which we have tended to focus, part-time and temporary jobs, have increased but not all that much. Most extra flexibility has come from the use of overtime, and there is nothing particularly new and Nineties about that, even if overtime is being used far more extensively than in the past. The report comments: "In most workplaces the majority of the workforce is full-time on fixed

Even though the widespread



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more of us feel thoroughly exploited, don't spend as much time with our family as we would like and suffer more stress, it does not amount to serious economic insecurity in the same way as only being able to work on a short-term contract. But rather than leap to the conclusion that the Tories were right to say insecurity is in the mind, the right conclusion is not that insecurity is unreal but that it is a and economic exclusion are suf-

fered by very specific groups. The PSI's report is complemented by research currently under way at the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance by Paul Gregg and Jonathan Wadsworth. They have looked behind the figures for the typical length of time somebody is in a job. As the former social security minister Peter Lilley pointed out, typical job tenure has declined only a little.

This disguises several diverging trends. First, for any particular age group, jobs have become shorter in duration; but older unemployed especially the young.

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people stay in jobs longer, and the workforce is ageing.

Secondly, mothers' job tenure has actually increased because of maternity rights. Women with children are taking advantage of the legislation that forces employers to hold their job open for them after maternity leave. This is closing the gender gap in typical job length. with women now staying in jobs virtually as long as men.

Men and women without children have seen a sharp decline in the length of the typical job. Con-trolling for age and sex, the number of jobs per working life has increased quite sharply. For example, a male aged 16-19 would have held 1.38 jobs on average in 1975 but 3.07 in 1995; for women aged 35-39 there has been a much smaller proportionate increase from 6.29 to 9.04 over the same period.

Another piece of the jigsaw is the by now well-known fact that one in five households in the UK does not have anybody in work. This sounds terribly dramatic, but it consists of completely different groups: pen-sioner households, lone parent households and a minority with two or more adults without jobs.

The moral that is emerging from the detailed studies is that there are no big answers to the problem of insecurity and poverty; what is needed is a series of small, targeted solutions. In fact, it is now possi-ble to pick out four groups of poor and marginalised people who are most in need of help from the new Government. They are: single pensioners; lone parents; the long-term

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and the minority of men who are in work but in insecure jobs.

Each group obviously needs different kinds of measures. The elderly who are poor and excluded are those subsisting on the basic state pension, just about keeping up with inflation. They will only get extra money if the Government decides on a means-tested increase in the pension.

There has been a lot of discussion about how to get single parents out to work, focusing on the disincentive effect of the overrapid loss of benefits once somebody finds a job. This misses the point that the biggest work disincentive to this category is the cost of childcare. The only measure that makes any sense is paying for nursery and after-school care for their children.

The long-term unemployed are one of the Government's priority groups, although it has got itself bung up on the mantra of helping 250,000 young people. There are not this many of them who have been out of work for more than six months. The resources should be refocused on all the long-term unemployed to minimise the "deadweight loss", the fact that the state will end up subsidising many people who would have found a job anyway. The most cost-effective approach is helping people with their search for work by using job centres to match specific people with specific vacancies, but in any case what matters is getting un-employed people on to the first

rung of the jobs ladder.
That leaves the hardest task, improving the lot of those who have bad, insecure jobs. The PSI research suggests that this is not as widespread as the headlines would have had us believe, but concludes that better information is needed. The LSE research points to young men as the most vulnerable. Here is where the Government needs to target its effort, but the solution is likely to be a matter of painstaking detail. Insecurity might not be the massive problem we once imagined, but even so there is no quick fix.

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Out without a chance to retire before the bell

Alas, we hear that the Lutine Bell has tolled for one of the best-known faces at Lloyd's of London, whose job was to fill in the names of famous ship losses with a feather quill pen.

David Burling, who has performed the role of loss book clerk for 25 years, has been forced to stand down within months of retirement, claiming that he was given no notice that his historic position was to be

instantly terminated.

The decision to decommission the post was taken by LLP, the former Lloyd's publishing division, even though Mr Burling was within 11 months of bis expected retirement date.

LLP, which was sold to its management in December 1995 for £84m, has been addressing its financial Plimsoll line by going through a heavy cost-cutting exercise ahead of a planned stock market flotation.

Mr Burling, who first started work in the intelligence department of Lloyd's in 1957, was the loss book clerk who wrote in careful script the titles of ill-fated vessels like Exxon Valdez and Estonia, among many others.

And staying with things nautical: forget quota-hopping, the Span-ish fishing fleet is about to make another foray into UK waters via a rather circuitous route involving the flotation of drug group, PharmaMar.

PharmaMar, which makes drugs from marine plants, plans to float in the first half of next year either on the London main market or on Easdaq, capitalised

at around £150m. The company has blood ties with the Spanish fleet which helped found the group in 1987, and which owns a 4 per cent stake. Manuel Fernandez Sousa, chairman of Pescanova, the second-largest fleet in the world, is also the brother of PharmaMar's chairman, Jose Maria Fernandez. Pescanova is quoted in Madrid at a market capitalisation of more than 19bn pesetas (£18bn).

Privately owned PharmaMar. which employs around 30 people, uses the boats of its big brother to fish for samples to use in drug PEOPLE & BUSINESS



For whom the Lutine bell tolls: Lloyd's has cut its loss book clerk

research. The company, which specialises in cancer treatments. has isolated 60,000 different organisms found in the sea and has is working with Bristol Myers

The group recently raised \$10m from venture capitalists. including the Swedish fund. Banken Fonder, and Spanish group, Axis. We assume the investor roadshow won't take in

Industrial Metals

Let nobody say Gordon Brown is not a radical. The date of the Budget will be announced formally on Monday when Parliament reassembles after its half-term holiday. (Whoever thought it was not a familyfriendly institution?) But we can reveal that Budget day will not be a Tuesday - for the first time since Geoffrey Howe in 1980. Given the Chancellor's liking for an early start, perhaps it will even be in the morning. The smart money is on Wednesday 2

But even more daring, the colour of the cover on the Red Book to accompany the Budget is likely to be changed. The old sun-dried tomato red will go. Sources could not reveal the new colour. Will it be imperial purple, the eau-de-nil of Labour's campaign backdrops, or avoca-

EU commissioner Neil Kinnock gave a speech at the European Movement's post-election bash on Tuesday. He has obviously been influenced by the oldfashioned continental view job sharing is the solution to unemployment. Mr Kinnock passed on apologies from his fellow UK commissioner Sir Leon Brittan for his inability to attend. It's his turn to work this week," he said.

As one door opens another door closes. Lord Hollick has pressed the ejector seat at British Aerospace, where he has been a nonexecutive for the five years, in order to concentrate on his new role as part-time special adviser to Margaret Beckett. President of the Board of Trade. The announcement was accompanied by 📞 the usual exchange of gushing eulogies. We await with interest Lord Hollick's advice when BAe's first arms export licence application lands on the desk of La Beckett. Let's hope it's not a request to supply the Indonesians with more of those Hawk "trainer" jets.

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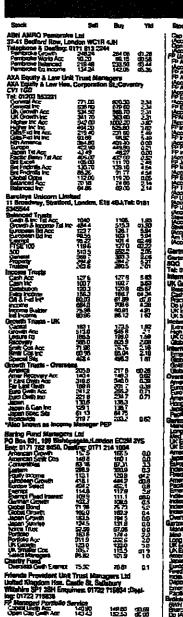
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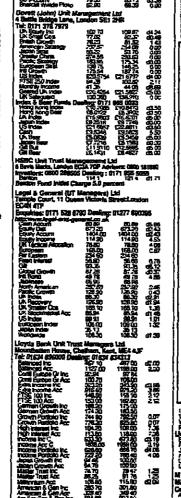
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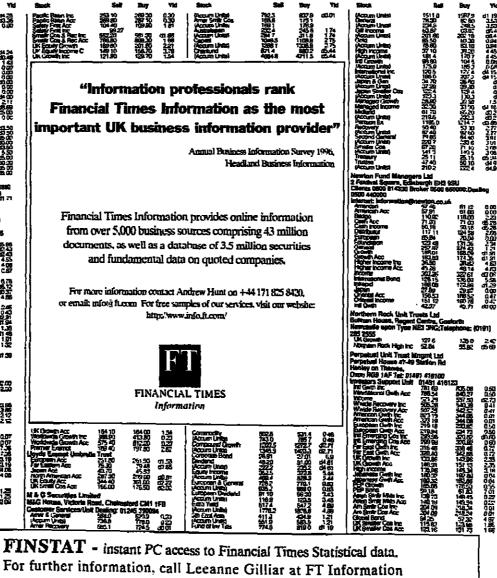








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Shares in ITV companies will either soar or crash in the next six weeks, writes Cathy Newman

Crunch time nears for the television gamblers

nvestors in ITV companies will learn within the next six

As a result broadcasters paid been right to gamble on potentially huge reductions in the levies television companies have been paying the Government for the past four years. If right, profits could soar - if wrong, the frothy share prices in the sector could look hopelessly out of touch.

Key to the multi-millionpound gamble is the imminent publication by the Independent Television Commission of the procedures and timetable for renewing broadcasters' licences. A document to be published in the next six weeks will give a clear idea of when licences can be renewed and whether a reduction in some broadcasters' payments to the Treasury is likely.

The ITC's move might seem premature: licences for the 15 Channel 3 franchises and GMTV were awarded for a 10year period starting from 1993 and could theoretically run until the end of 2002. But if broadcasters renew at the earliest opportunity, the new terms would come into effect as soon as 1999.

Early licence renewal is a priority for many companies as present payments vary wildly for each franchise, from Scottish Television's "licence to print money" - an annual fee of £2,000 or £5.50 a day - to Carlton's £46m yearly levy.

The wide spread of payments to the Treasury reflects the terms of the controversial ITV licence auction four years

weeks whether they have as little as they felt they could get away with. Companies which guessed correctly that they would face little competition put in a token bid while those in a genuine race ended

up paying through the nose.
STV and Central both pay £2,000 annually because they didn't have to outbid other broadcasters. By contrast, HTV's £22m contribution each year reflects a tough contest against three other contenders. High bidders such as HTV, Carlton, GMTV and York-

would be paid at tender from 1 January 1999 will be lower than it was when we made that decision in 1991."

ITV companies have 101 reasons why their fees should come down. Chris Stoddart, managing director of GMTV, which paid 55.7 per cent of its net advertising revenue (NAR) to the Treasury last year ac-cording to ABN Amro Hoare Govett, said Channel 5, satellite and cable were eating away at his audience share and the value of an ITV licence should be reassessed. He said: "We're shire-Tyne Tees Television will paying more than twice as

6 Why would a Labour government with aggressive spending plans want to give back money to ITV? 9

much as 50 per cent, on their contributions. Those happy to sit tight are STV and Central and those which are undecided. the "sensible bidders", are likely to include Anglia, Granada, and LWT

The ITC's chief executive, Sir Peter Rogers, has indicated he will look fairly favourably on ITV companies wanting to reduce their fees. In evidence to the National Heritage select committee in February, he said: "As cable and satellite grows ... and as digital terrestrial grows and as digital satel-

aim for an early renewal and a much as any ITV company as substantial discount, perhaps as a percentage of our NAR. We also have a breakfast time franchise, so we're not making drama which can be sold on to

> other channels. The prospect of the phasing out of the Channel 4 funding formula, which boosts ITV coffers by more than £70m annually, is also putting pressure on ITV's finances.

But many in the City are openly hostile to ITV's plight. Alastair Smellie, media analyst at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, is typical: "Why would a Labour government with fairly aggressive spending plans want ago, which handed the right to lite grows and so on, the to give back money to the ITV

pretty good profits? There is extraordinary inequality in the licence fees, but the bottom line is that ITV broadcasters are paying for a monopoly."

Many feel the levels of reduction expected by some companies are over-optimistic.
One analyst said: "Built into YTTV's and HTV's share price is the expectation of a 50 per cent reduction. But it's just not going to happen."

Granada's statement in March that it would not bid for YTTV "unless there is a material change in Yorkshire's circumstances", reflected the feeling that YTTV's share price had been pushed up by an expectation of a substantial reduction in the licence fee, realisation of which is far from certain".
Although YTTV's shares

are well off their peak of 1,315p at yesterday's close of 1,127.5p they still trade at almost twice their value at the

beginning of last year.
Even if the ITC proves as good as Sir Peter's word, the issue of how new terms should be agreed is a thorny one. Chris Rowlands, chief executive of HTV, says programming costs in his franchise are higher than in other regions as the company broadcasts separate services for Wales and the West of England. "We'd like to see a licence-by-licence renegotiation which would take into account the individual circumstances of each franchise,"

Other licensees would like a more uniform approach to tribute on a fair basis towards into account.



fees. YTTV has consistently called for a level playing field, where all television companies, including satellite broadcasters such as BSkyB, should pay the same levy, set at around 14 per cent of their total revenue.

Nick Castro, financial director of YTTV, said: "We've been advocating a situation where all broadcasters con-

any Exchequer requirements. This charge, YTTV estimates, would give the Government the £400m it currently gets from the Channel 3 levy.

The ITC document is un-

likely to make specific mention of Sky, although the competitive situation and the proliferation of alternative digital, cable and satellite channels will almost certainly be taken

IN BRIEF

Banks boost invisible trade surplus

The UK had a record £12bn surplus on trade in "invisibles" such as services and interest last year. The main contributor was the financial sector, which had a record £20bn trade surplus in 1995, the last year for which detailed figures are available. Banking and insurance contributed the biggest components of this total, according to a report published yesterday by British Invisibles. The UK has the biggest share of the world market in cross-border bank lending, turnover in foreign equities, foreign exchange dealing and insurance. The invisibles share in total trade, at 20 per cent of GDP, is higher in the UK than anywhere else. The UK enjoyed the fourth-biggest absolute surplus after the US, Japan and France. Unlike the other three, however, the UK's invisibles surplus was soaked up by a big deficit of £12bn on visible trade.

Henworth warns of £8m currency charge

Investors at Hepworth's annual meeting were warned that the strength of sterling would have an adverse effect on overseas earnings this year. Professor Sir Roland Smith, in his last address as chairman of the building products group, said: "The group's UK and continental operations are maintaining their sales volumes with the underlying trading outlook positive, but the level of sterling at current rates will impact adversely upon our overseas earnings and export margins by about £8m to £9m in the current year." He said the company's response had been to hold export volumes at lower margins, while reducing costs through redundancies and manufacturing capacity. "Last year we incurred redundancy costs of £6.5m and the same expenditure level may apply in 1997, with much of it falling in the first half," the chairman said.

Rolls sees aerospace recovery take off

Rolls-Royce's aerospace group was experiencing a "significant" increase in workload this year, despite the failure of Folkker, which had led to some reduction of Tay engine deliveries, said Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, at the company's annual meeting. He said the recovery in civil aviation gathered pace in 1996 and was expected to continue, although competition remained intense. The outlook for the group's defence products was also more stable.

German current account in the black

Germany had a provisional current account surplus of DM2.3bn (£830m) in March, compared with a deficit of DM4bn in February and a DM2bn surplus in the same month last year, the Federal Statistics Office said. Germany's trade surplus grew to DM9.8bn in March from a surplus of DM9.2bn the month before.

Rising profits lift Triad shares

Turnover at Triad Group, the information and software consultancy, jumped 61 per cent to £18.3m, profits grew 25 per cent to £2.65m and earnings per share rose 2.2 per cent to 7.25p in the year to 31 March. There is a final dividend of 2p making 3p in total, against nothing the previous year. The shares jumped 21.5p to 201p.

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Dawson heading for recovery as profits treble

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A further step towards recovery, albeit slower than expected by analysts, was announced yesterday by Dawson Inter-national, the Scottish textile group with a dozen brand names, but hest-known for its Pringle sweaters endorsed by golfer Nick Faldo.

Profits almost trebled to

£12.5m in the year to end-March. The recovery was mainly due to a £5m turnaround at the knitwear and clothing division. Profits are still well shy of the £32m made in 1993, but contrast starkly with the £98m loss in 1994 as the group struggled with the cost of restructuring businesses and cutting out a quarter of the

Operating profits in 1996/97 buoyant in the second half of the rose 9 per cent to £16.8m on sales down by 2 per cent to £297m. Earnings per share rose 25 per cent to 5.4p, and the dividend was raised 10 per cent to 3.3p.

The company said trading conditions remained tough. The best performance came from the fabrics division, which contributed £4.2m, with UK sales

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year. The knitwear and clothing division, however, still made a loss of £1.7m in spite of improved performances from Barrie Knitwear and Pringle of

Profits from the fibres and yarns division almost halved to £6.4m, reflecting the cost of getting out of the loss-making wool-combing at a cost of

the Middle East refused to reduce prices. The group is in the process of relocating the dehairing of cashmere skins to China which, it believes, will give it a competitive advantage. Half of group profits came

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from the thermal clothing division, although the performance was unchanged on the previous year. However, a new management has been brought in and hopes to improve performance in the current year. On group prospects, Derek

Finlay, chairman, said he was increasingly confident of further progress provided the competitive position was not eroded by further strengthening of the

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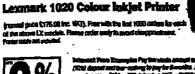
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Clouds clear for **Sheikh in shades**

Racing RICHARD EDMONDSON

The sun came out at the right time at York's Dante meeting carlier this month for Sheikh Mohammed, who was able to disguise the emotion in his eyes with rather expensive looking sunglasses. The man from Dubai may have wished the lenses were blacked in, as the inmates from his Godolphin operation performed as if they had held a stag party on the road up to the Knavesmire.

'We could never imagine that would happen at York, where things went from bad to worse," Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, said vesterday. "It was like a horror movie for us, a nightmare in slow motion.

There are snippets of information, however, which suggest those dark, bright days may be over for the Sheikh. Not only does he have a definite starter in the Derby a week on Saturday in his own colours, but there may also be two combatants bearing the Royal blue livery of his Godolphin brainchild. Until Sandown on Tuesday,

Godolphin had gone 22 days without a winner, but then Predappio was a battling second to Bosra Sham in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes and then Bold Demand severed the dreary sequence. The immediate reaction was that Bold Demand would miss the Derby, but he is Classic, and could be joined at

BRIGHTON

2.10 Flaming Ember

3.10 BON GUEST (nap)

2.40 Tavovullin

HYPERION

3.10 BON GUEST (nap)

4.40 Justiniarius

GOING: Firm (watering lost 67). STALLS: Inside, cocept. Im 3f 196yds - ontside.

DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best over 5f & 6f.

Left-hand, U-singled course, undulating and sharp.

Course is east of town. Follow signposts from town centre. Brighton rail station Im tlast service from London, Victoria. ADMISSION: Club \$12 (accompanied under-10s free): Tailersalls \$8; Silver Ring \$4 time \$4 per carl. CAR PARK: Free

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bever Golf Charger (2, 10).

LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: B Hammon - 26 winners from 169 numers at a ratio of 15.46 giving a return to a 3f stake of \$31.04; E Alceburst - 20 winners at a ratio of 15.46 giving a return to a 3f stake of \$31.04; E Alceburst - 20 winners \$7 runners, 23.49, +\$27.87; G in Moore - 18 winners, 147 runners, 12.29, \$41.00; S Dow - 17 winners, 124 runners, 13.7%, \$10.05

LEADING GOCKETS: T Quinn - 49 winners, 20.74, +\$26.82; Pat Eddery -20 winners, 20 rides, 20%, \$41.76 Duffield - 17 winners, 98 rides, 17.39, +\$23.70; J Reid - 17 winners, 119 rides, 14.3%, \$44.00.

WINNESS IN TIBE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Planning Ember (2, 10) won at Warwick on Saturday; Bon Guest (3, 10) won at Nottingham on Friday; Ivory's Grab Ellre (4.40) won here on Friday, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Manileno (3.40) sent 163 miles by M Pipe from Nicholashayne, Devon

FORM GUIDE

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FLAMBIG EMBLER was beaten a nead and the same in third to the useful Barnungham Blade on his debut in April in a Lingdeld maden that has worked out well and overcame a slow start at Warwick on Saturday to soore by nelf a length from Yorkes Boy. He had more in had than the official margin suggests and should not be troubled to follow up against hese rivist. Truth Teller also came up against Barnungham Blade on his debut and was beaten seven lengths in last of seven at Windsor. He was a big drifter in the betting then and can certainly do better, with the extra furtong likely to suit. Pensian Fortone gets a stone from Flaming Ember including her nider's claim and the form of her Southwell (AW) seller with has been boosted by the neck numer-up. Elenbrook, winning time at the course stone. It is

2.40 SHOREHAM LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 7f Penalty Value £2,277

- 7 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Stand Tell, 7-2 Statoyork, 9-2 Gwespyr, Manikata, 13-2 Tayondika, 7-1 Dancing Lawyer, 12-1 Heyer Golf Charger 1996: Farmost 3 8 13 G Dutfield 4-6 fav (Sir M Prescott) drawn (6) 10 ran

FORM GUIDE

TAYOULLIN is due to go up to a handing mark of 66 from Saturday having run Sis Garden to a longth and a quarter over a mile here on Friday and has an obvious chance in this 0-65 immed stakes getting weight from all her mals. In good form on Fibresand previously, she had Hever Golf Charger (blinkered first time loday) over four lengths back in third when entiming at Southwell last morth and reopposes on only 26 worse terms. Manillatio may pose the mem threat, although he would be better over an extra furiong. He was keeping on well at Thirsk (1m) when fourth to Jame's Boy in a maded and was running on at the linish having lost his place at halfway when second to very easy winner Victory Team over this mp at Folkestone last month. The Folkestone run received a boost when third-placed Apollo Red won here next time Stategorist, fourth to an in-form Barbasson at Lingfleid on his return when rated 65, again did not get much of a run when in mid-division behind Gadge at Goodwood last time and should figure more prominently loday. Stand Tall's latest run saw him finish third to State Of Carbon off a mark of 80 at Southwell (WM), but he is nothing like as effective on turf, Gwespyr has not run badly this season, but she may struggle to get this up.

ited by the neck runner-up, Ellenbrook, winning twice at the course since, it will primise if she is good enough, though.

Selection: FLAMING FMRFR

1996: Dalmey Dancer 2 9 0 B Doyle 3-1 (B Meehan) drawn (2) 8 ran

been boosted by the neck runner-up, Ettenbrook, still be a surprise if the is good enough, though.

EBF FRESHFIELD NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES 2.10 EBF FRESHFIELD NOVICE MEASURE \$2,888 (CLASS E) £4,025 added 2YO 6F Penalty Value £2,888

3.40 Open Affair

4.40 Justinianus

4.10 Rhapsody in White

Godolphin, at Doncaster. Apart from the red hot an open-looking race and both of ours have shown enough to us to justify taking their chances, "Crisford said." I think we need a few more runners before we start feeling comfortable about our situation because these things have a nasty habit of doing U-turns. But we hope we're not still out in the woods. in the cold."

After a series of dreadful dis-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Hey Up Mate (Carlisle 2.20) NB: Flaming Ember (Brighton 2.10)

plays, Godolphin made the de-cision to withdraw their horses from the racecourse. Each one was examined, and each returned a clean bill of health. "We are still taking tests, but all the ones that we have taken so far have come back negative," Crisford said. "We have tested for everything, and in a way it would have helped if something had come to light. We would know what was wrong and therefore what to do to put it right. The end result is a tailedoff position, but we don't know

what's causing it. "Everything has been the same as it has been in previous years but maybe this time some now under consideration for the of the horses have not been good enough. Some, like Clas-

the start line by Stowaway, an- sic Cliche and Tamayaz, have other recent runner-up for definitely run way below expectations because we know where those horses belong. But favourite [Entrepreneur] it's Predappio showed the other night that he is a promising sort for later on and we've got some good older horses, like Alhaarth, to come through and some nicer younger horses as well. All is not lost yet because there are five months of the season to go and we just have to learn to be a little bit patient."

Sheikh Mohammed is also to

be represented in his personal maroon and white colours at Epsom by the Prix Lupin winner Cloudings, trained in France by André Fabre. The bare form of the colt's efforts so far would not win a chutney contest at the local WI, but there are expectations that Cloudings will behave like another progeny of Sadler's Wells when he reaches Epsom. "Cloudings is a nice horse with speed who never does more than he has to." Anthony Stroud, the Sheikh's racing manager, said from France yesterday. "André thinks he is very much like Intrepidity and she was very stop and start so it was remarkable that she won the

Oaks [in 1993]." Derby day may also be the jollier for the presence of The Fly. who could well join his stablemate at Barry Hills' yard, Musalsal, on the Downs. Students of history would doubtlessly be amused to see both The Fly and Merry Hampton on the Derby scroll of ho-

FORM GUIDST gets no penalty for his two-length win from Chalky Dancer in an 18-runner apprentices; maiden hendicap at Nortingham last week and may be able to follow up. That was the Kerlaah gelding's first alternot at a mile and he can improve again, periocularly as he was indeen by an inexperienced apprentice lost time. Bon Guest is due to go up just 2h in future ratings, as the Nottingham runner-up was 3lb out of the handicap. Time Of Night, just a head behind in third, has a 5lb pull with Bon Guest now, giving him an obvous chance despite his 20st. However, he was unplaced at Yarmouth yesterday. Mr Cabe goes off a 2b lower mark than when last successful at Folkestone in September and ran well to be four lengths second to Marjaane at Warwick on Saturday in an amateurs' hendicap. He should go close. Queen's Instignia was just over two lengths behind Mr Cube when they exhauld go close. Queen's Instignia was just over two lengths behind Mr Cube when they exhauld go close. Queen's Instignia was just over two lengths behind Mr Cube when they there that and first to king Athelstan at Warwick. She was staying on well and has a 3lb pull. Gold Lance landed an 18-runner Portieffact selling hendicap last martin over this trip, but he appeared to lack a turn of foot when fourth to Varborough Lad at Bath last time (Should-begrey fifth and Paddy's Rice 11th of 17h, so this sharp mide may not be in his favour. Sejaat was well beaten behind Broughtons Formula in Ascot's 28-runner White Rose Handicap on his reappearance, but he has talken a further drop in the weights and Ring Akenurst may be able to get another race or two out of him yet. Fort Knox lacks a run since Fatruary but cannot be ruled out.

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3.40 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £2,875 added 1m 3f 196yds Penalty Value £1,985

1996: Oxfour Counsellor 3 7 5 C Adamson (5) 20-1 (R Rower) drawn (2) 15 ran FORM GUIDE.

The step up to this trip should be very much in MANILENO's favour and the galding can make his first appearance for Martin Pipe a winning one. Bearen almost ten lengths when third to Rock Island Line over a mile at Hamilton last month, he did much better when making the running in a ten-furiong Beverley claimer last time, going down just over four lengths in third to Going For Broke, being claimed out of James Hetherton's yard for £4,000. He is bred for this sort of trip. Open Affair was staying on well when a close fourth of 20 to Pendilino at Ripon last month and has every chance on that showing despite carrying 10st. Aquanvita, a Kalagiow filly, takes a step up in distance and a big drop in class on her handicap debut, although agins of ability in far maiden company have been hard to find. The longer tip may help long time maiden Blaze Of Oak, while stablemate Dots Dee has a lengthy absence to overcome but may be able to figure off her low mark. Noble Hero gave a tittle encouragement in fourth to Elly Fleetfoot at Notongham last time.

4.10 REGENCY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £2,277

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O24-3 RHAPSODY IN WHITE (24) (Mis Onistine Severacri) M Javes 9 0 P Bloomfiel

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Unless Richard Hannon's newcomer Aegean, who is bred to need middle distances, turns out to be useful, this should be a straightforward task for RHAPSODY IN WHITE. Michael Jarve's cold dead-heated for second place behind intrata at Warwick last season and made a pleasing return at the same course when three lengths third to Zoom Up this month. Fable has shown only a very little abality in her three stans but is much preferred to Barbury Baffaid, who has been tailed off fast in both his runs.

Selection:

4.40 CLAYTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 6f Penaity Value £3,200

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Buzz horse: The Fly, pictured winning at York two weeks ago, is likely to run in the Derby

Stoute duo are

Royal Hunt Cup: William Hill betting: 12-1 Insabable, 14-1 Gold Spats, Mawingo and Tre-garon, 16-1 Bold Words, Dancing Image, Hawkstey Hill, Winter Romance & Yalta, 20-1

Ascot fancies

Insatiable and Gold Spats, who are trained by Michael Stoute and who both landed gambles recently, were yesterday made 12-1 and 14-1 respectively by William Hill in their opening book on the Royal Hunt Cup over a mile at Royal Ascot next month. Insatiable earned a 7lb penalty for the race when landing a gamble, from 11-2 in the morning down to 5-2, at

Sandown on Monday.

WOOTH SEE

2.20 Lakeland Pride 2.50 Densben 3.20 St Blaine 3.50 Jack Flush (nb) 4.20 Ned's Bonanza 4.50 The Butterwick Kid GOING: Firm. STALLS: Inside, except 1m 0f - centre. DEAW ADVANTAGE: High from 7t to 1m 4f. Elight-hand, undulating course. Run-in of 250yds. Course is on southern outsiders of town. ADMISSION: Club 512 (OAPs & under-31s 50): Tattersalls 55 (OAPs & under-21s 52). CAE PARE: On ralls 53 (including occutants): res. free BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Obsessoragein (visored) (4-20). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Allinson's Manc (2.50) won at Doncaster on Saturday. won at Doneaster on Saturday. LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Barranak (4.20) has been sent 282 miles by G McCourt from Letcombe Regis, Oxfordshire 2.20 SANDS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS E) £4,025 added 2YO 6f

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3.20 SORCERIES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,900 added 1m

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4.50 WILLY HOLM HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 6f 32yds
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DITOXETER HYPERION 2.00 Acajou III 2.30 Grizziy Bear 3.00 Oversman 3.30 Blazer Moriniere 4.00 The Tolseach 4.30 King Torus 5.00 Sweet Little Briar

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places). ■ Left-hand course, Run-in of 170yds.
■ Course south-east of town near B5017. ADMISSION: Club \$15 (OAPs \$12); Tatarsaffs \$10 (OAPs \$77; Course \$4. CAR PARK: Pres. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Thunder Road (2.30).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Acajon til (2.00) won till Unchanne Scheduler.

with the and Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Elite Governor (2.00) & Red Viper (3.00) sem 236 miles by N Lampard from Kangsbridge, Devon. 2.00 BRITANNIA UNISON NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3.750 added 2m 4f 110vds

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3.30 BRITANNIA SIMPLY MORTGAGES HICAP | CHASE (CLASS E) £4,250 a 14P36 ERRITMORNING LICHT (12) (D) G Richerts 8 12 O.R Diemondy 143214 HENLEY RESATTA (24) P Rodford 9 11 0 _____S Berrough 506513 BALLY PARSON (11) R Diden 11 10 8.______ Calledy 33F112 BLAZER BÖRBNERE (FR) (7) P Richerts 8 10 7 ____S Fox 304213 NORDIC VALLEY (16) M Pos 6 10 5 ____ A P MicCoy 665106P NORTHERN OPTIMEST (29) B Liewelyn 9 10 1 . N Williamson 665-PO BRIMPTON BERTIE (7) (D) D Chappel 8 10 0 ___ R Johnson

BETTING: 9-4 Blazer Horbiers, 7-2 Nordic Valley, 4-1 Earlymorning Light, Baily Parson, 6-1 Healey Regista, 20-1 others 4.00 BRITANNIA BONUS HANDICAP HURDLE

4.30 BRITANNIA SAVERS NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m 5f

- 12 declared - BETTING: 3-1 True Fortune, 7-2 King Torus, 9-2 Musikerry Moya, 11-2 Catch-

brase, 10-1	Beyond The Stars, Tellaporky, 16-1 others
5.00	BRITANINIA MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 added 2m
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BETTING: 4-1 Of Mother, 11-2 Ambuch, Sweet Little Brier, 8-1 S Stag, 10-1 Dark Horse, Minibelle, Twelve Club, 14-1 others

- 1.5 declared -BETTING: 11-2 Bon Guest, 13-2 Fort Knox, 8-1 Time Of Night, Nr Cube, 10-1 Queen's Insignia, Gold Lauce, Homestead, Spouldbegrey, 12-1 others 1996: Bubble Wings 4 9 11 v Smith 7-2 tax ·S Woods) drawn (10) 15 ran

CARTMEL

2.00: 1. PALACE RIVER (D.) Molfatti 3-1; 2. Summer Princess 11-1; 3. Queen's Counsel 6-4 fav. 10 ran. 2, 1½, (D. Molfatt.). Tote: £3 20: £1.20, £3.10, £1.50, Dual

Forecast: £23.10. Computer Straight Forecast: £32.61. Tho: £8.10. Selling race: there was

no bid for the winner.
2.30; 1. [RIDIAN JOCKEY IA P McCoy) 4-

201. 2 rather Journal In Principl 4-6 fav; 2. Blazing Dawn 7-2: 3. Cardenden 20-1. 4 ran. 5, 8. IM Pipe). Tote: £1.60. Dual Forecast: £1.70. Computer Strangu Forecast: £3.09.

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3.10 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,300 added 1m Penalty Value £3,109

3.00: 1. HORNBLOWER (Mrs C Ford) 11-8 tax; 2. Fordstown 14-1; 3. Across The Card 4-1, 10 ran. 6, 37:. (Richard Ford). Tete: £2.30: £1.50, £1.10, DF: £13.20. LSF: £20.67. Tno: £16.40.
3.35: 1. BN GOOD FAITH IC McCormach

7-4 fav. 2. Salitetd King 7-1; 3. Dantes Amour 9-4, 8 ran. 8, 6, U Quinni, Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.40, £1.70, DF; £7.50, CSF;

Jessofte 1.2 (a); 3. Don't Tell Judy 33:1. 9 ran. 5, 10, 15 Kettlewell). Tote: £3.90; £1.10. £1.30, £3.90. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.88. Tno: £10.20. 4.35: 1. HIGHLAND WAY (P Carberry) 4-

1: 2. Legen Bridge 6-5 fax; 3. Supertop 2-1: 6 ran, 4: 4: (Martin Todhunter). Tota: £4.40: £1.50. £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF:

£9.20 Tricast: £10.93 Non Punners:

FOLKESTONE

2.20: 1. SONGSHEET (P P Murphy: 11-2; 2. The Presence 14-1; 3. Runs ht The Fam-

c: 2. The Projective 14-1; 3. Rums fit The Passify 7-4 for currie 9 ran, 1%, %, (M. Saurders, Wells), Toths: £7-90; £2-40, £3-90, £1 10. Dual Forecast: £43.10. Computer Straight Forecast: £72.18. Thoast: £171.16. Tho.

2.50: 1. SWIFT ALLIANCE (D HARTSON) 12

1. 2. Bermuda Triangle 40-1; 3. Stricting King 12-1. 12 ran. 5-4 fav Saint Maio (5th)

Longcroft, Precipice Run.
Placepot: £4.70. Quadpot: £2.50.
Place 6: £4.03. Place 5: £3.04.

4.05: 1. GOOD HAND (P Niven) 3-1; 2.

and goes off a 7th lower mark, meeting the selection 3th better ofter weight for age. Without French's two subsequent deteats have come in a claimer here and a handloap on soft ground at Windsor, so he has every chance. Selection: SHARP IME

RACING RESULTS 24., 1/a, (R Aketurst, Epsorn), Totas £23.00; £5.00, £11.30, £3.10, DR: £386.50, CSF: £415.63, Trior not won tool of £199.21 car-ned forward to Carisle 2.50 today). Non Run-ner: Eleventh Duke, After a stewards' inquiry, Jackpot: not won; pool of £52,828.89 car-ned forward to Carliste roday. Placepot: £9,217.20. Quadpot: £174.00.

the result stood.
3.20: 1 ISTOFF (K Darley) 14-1; 2, Ross-YARMOUTH 2.10: 1. ARM AND A LEG (J Stado 8-1: 2. Eurofee 33-1; 3. Sens Rivele 3-1. 6 van. 4-6 fav Fairy Domino (4th). Hd. sht-hd. (C Dayer, Newmarket), Totac £5.90: £1.90, 20.00: £72.70. 2020. £15.01. \$1.90, Ian Rose 11-2; 3. Garmal: 14-1 10 ran, 11-10 fev Rorentino (5th), 27,, 1, (5 Williams, Newmarket), Tota: £15.50; £2.60, £2.90, £2.30, DF: £106.50, CSF: £90.46, Tno:

3.551 1. DANISH RHAPSODY (Deckin O'Shea):12-1: 2. Virtual Reality 13-2: 3. Effectual 2-1 lav. 10 ras. Ni. 6. (Lady Hernes, Linehampton). Tote: £11-10. £2.20. £2.10, £180. DF: £33.70. CSF: £33.42. Incasi. £206.10. Tho: £55.80. 4.25: 1. SANDICLIFFE (M HJS) 13-2: 2. 4.25: 1. SANDIGLIFFE M H&S 13-2: 2. Ar Hyd Y Knos 11-2: 3. Clytha Hitt Lad 33-1. 24 ran. 7-2 lav Abrasi. 1¹/₄. 1. (B Hits. Lambount). Total: £9.40: £2.90. £2.20. £-80. DF. £66.50. CSF: £41.21. Thos not "In (pool of £411.17 carried forward to Carlisle

4.50 today).

4.55; 1. N/OR'S DEED (5 Duffield) 5-4 tay.

2. Ladybower 14-1: 3. Zahran 20-1. 14 nan.
11/4; 1/4; (C Wall, Newmarket), Tota: £2-30;

£1.50, £4.30, £2.50, DF; £12.50, CSF;
£19.72, Trio: £102.10. 5.25: 1 FARLEY GREEN (C Rutter) 11-8 a.co.; 1. FARLET GREEN (C. HIREST 11-0-ter; 2. Goodbye Gatemeen 11-2; 3. June-nina 6-1, 11 ras. Nr. 5. (H. Candy, Wantage). Tota; 72,70; 51-40, 52-20, 51-10, DF; 55,70. CSF: 58,38. Tho: £19.80. Place 6: £1.349.05, Place 5: £791.64.

Dwyer, Newmarketh, Tota: £5.90; £1.90, £5.00. DF: £78.70, CSF: £154.07. Winner bought in for 4,000 gamess. 2.40: 1. HEAVENLY RAY (K Falori) 2-1 tay. 2.40: 1. HEAVENLY RAY (K Falori) 2-1 tay. 1.0 ran. 1, 2. U Farshawe, Newmarled L Tote: £2.70: £1.50, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £4.30. CSF:

27.00 E1-50, E1-50, E2-50 DF: £4.50 CSF: £7.20 Tion: £57.40. 3.10: 1. OUR WAY IB Doyler 8-1; 2. Calmmander 3-1 Jr fav. 3. Poker Princess 8-1. 11 ran. 3-1 Jr fav. Racing Heart (4th). Ho, 2 IC Britian, Newmarket). Total: £8.00: £2.10, £1.90. £2.70. DF: £18.30, CSF: £29.45. Tioast: £185.38. Tho: £19.60. 3.46: 1.54Per And W Ryan 9-1; 2. Mes-zoramio 6-1; 3. Ertion 9-2; 15 ran, 5-2 fav Gymcrak Ryer, V. V., 18 Hanbury, Hewman-tell, Totas £11.20; (2.60, £2.10, £1.90, DF: £33.10, CSF: £58.63, Tnost: £266.06.

4.15: 1 DAWN SUMMIT (J Stock) 11-4: Takes L GRAPH SUMMIT (J SDC), 11-4; 2. Zafarell 8-1; 3, Portune Hopper 13-8; 64, 6 ran. Nr. 2. (B Honbury, Newmanes), Total: 53-10; 51-10, 53-40, DF; 514-80, CSF; 519-93.

4.45: 1. BLOCKADE (Nicola Cole) 8-1; 2. isis Honda 7-2: 3. Esperto 5-2 fav. 12 re 3. % (M Beil, Newmarket). Totac £7.50; £1.90, £1.80, £1.90. Dual Forecast: £12.40. CSF: £34.94. Tricast: £86.85. Total Tric £27.00.

Placepot: £499,20. Quadpot: £22,40, Place 8: £488.62. Place 5: £32,80. HEREFORD

6.30: 1. NAME OF OUR FATHER IR John-90n) 4-5 (av. 2. Pedaltothemetal 16-1; 3. Remantic Warrior 16-1, 10 ran. 1/4, 16. P Bowen). Totas: £1.80: £1.10, £2.90, £2.80.
Dual Forecost: 59.20. Computer Straight Forecast: £16.95. Trop: £67.00. Non Runner, Yu-

7.00: 1 RAGLAN ROAD (K Gaule) 8-1; 2. Spring To it 3-1 it far: 3. Pandora's Prize 25-1. 15 ran, 3-1 it fav Loughdon, 1/4, 3. (Mrss A Embricos). Tote: £18.60; £3.60. cast £584.05, Tno: £134.10 (part won, pool of £113.33 camed forward to tomorrow). Non Runners: Jay Jay's Voyage, Jonjas Chudleigh, Top It All. No bid for the winner.

NEWBURY 5.55: 1. COMPRADORE U Quinni 5-1; 2, 5.55: I. COMPADDORE O Quint 5-1; 2. Hadid 3-1; 3. Shalford's Honour 14-1. 10 ran. 9-4 fav John Ferneley, ½, ½, ¼, ¼ Blanshard. Tota: £6,00: £1.90. £1.60, £3.20. Dusi Forecast: £10.40. CSF: £18.68. Tho: £43.40.

6.20: 1. DOUBLE GOLD (K Fallon) 3-1; 2. Ludo 14-1; 3. Mr Bombastique 8-11 fav. 8 ran. 5, 1%. (B Meehant. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.50, £1.20, DF: £15.60, CSF: £38.67, Trio: £4.90, Non Runner, Chief Preda-

6.50: 1. ALWAYS ALRSHT () Quanti 9.1: 2. White Emir 100-30 lav; 3. RMR 8-1. 7 ran. 1, 2. (K Burket, Totes, £12.50; £3.70, £2.10. DF: £11.80. CSF: £32.07. Tricast; £205.81. Tric: £178.00. Non Runners:

Mansab, Nineacres.
7.20: 1. WINSOME WOOSTER (D Hamson) 33-1: 2. Stoppes Brow 12-1; 3. Sharp Robar 16-1. 15 ran. 4-1 fav Knobbleenesse. 4. 1/4. (P Murphy). Tote: £44.00; £8.60. Ty. IV Miliphyl. 1068; £44.00; £8.60.
 £4.50. £1.60. Dual Forecast: £228.20.
 CSF: £349.39. Incest: £5,980.88. Non Rumer, Dummer Golf Time. This £876.90 (per worm, pool of £864.59 comed forward to temorrow).

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6.40: 1. PRINCELY HEIR () Wesver) 11-4 fav; 2. Satswing 10-1; 3. Leofric 20-1, 18 ran. 2, %. (M Johnston), Totac £3.70; £2.10, £2.30, £6.10, bf; £19.90, CSF; £27.92, Trio: not won (pool of £249.06 carried forward to tornorrow). Non Runner: Em-

7.10: 1. ULTRA BOY (R Ffrench) 9-4; 2. Skyers Flyer 4-1: 3. Bornie Lassie 15-8 fav. 6 ran. 174, 5. (P Hastam). Total £3.00: £2.10, £1.90. Dual Forecast: £8.70. CSF:

Ben Hanbury received the perfect boost in the build-up to Fahris's Derby bld when notching his first winners in more than three weeks at Yarmouth yesterday. But after seeing Safey Ana and Dawn Summit land a 36-1 plus double Hanbury insisted that his Diomed Stables team has not been out of form. "Some of the Press have been ringing me up and saying I've had a very quiet time but it's just that I haven't run any fancied hors-

es. But I thought these two would win. Let's hope that's just the start of the next 10 days." Hanbury, with three Classics on the board via Midway Lady in the 1986 1,000 Guineas and Oaks and Matiya in last year's Irish 1,000 Guineas cannot hide his enthusiasm at his first attempt at the Derby with Fahris, winner of the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket in April. The trainer said: "I've never been so excited about running a horse in a race as I am about this'

Surprise recall for sacked players

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

In a startling about-face, Warrington have recalled the three players they sacked at the start of the season. Martin Dennott, Willie Swann

and Mateaki Mafi were told to report back to the club, and they trained with the rest of the squad for the first time yesterday. "I thought their attitude was

excellent, after everything that's happened," the Warrington coach, Darryl Van de Velde, said. "I didn't make the decision, to sack them and, as far as I'm concerned, they start with a clean slate.

The trio - all relatively recent signings at the time - were cicked out during the regime of Van de Velde's predecessors. John Dorahy and Alex Murphy, after a 58-20 thrashing at Bradford in the first Super League match of the season. "I'm not particularly interested in what went on," he said. "I just want to see what they can do."

Dermott, the former Wigan and Great Britain hooker, Mafi, the Tongan sprint champion who has been interesting Widnes and Workington, and Swann, the ex-Auckland Warriors' scrum-half, have all kept in training during their exile from the club. Although Dermott is carrying an injury, Swann could be drafted in as an emergency hooker for the match at Leeds tomorrow night.

Warrington will be without their current first choice props, Warren Stevens and Gary Chambers, for that trip to Headingley. Both have arm injuries to show for the defeat by Sheffield Eagles on Sunday, after which Van de Velde said candidly that he would not have taken the job. if he had known how bad things were at the club.

"With hindsight, I probably wouldn't have taken it," he admitted. "But I'm not looking back now. I'm looking forward and trying to make some improvements."

He faces a potential extra handicap at Leeds if Salesi Finau is suspended as a result of being cited for a suspected high tackle in last Friday's loss at the London Broncos.

Ian Pickavance will further deplete St Helens' resources if he is banned for his sending-off against Salford, whose forward, I Forber cited over the same incident, has also been told to appear today.

Missaglia (wins day of controversy Cycling

Gabriele Missaglia beat three other riders in a spirited sprint finish to win the 11th stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday, a day marked by the banning of four riders after surprise blood tests. Missaglia, a member of the

overall leader Pavel Tonkov's : Mapei team, completed the : route of 159km (98.6 miles), starting and finishing at Lido di Camaiore, in 3hr 36min 24sec. He edged out fellow Italians

Andrea Vatteroni, Mirko Celestino and Massimo Podenzana for the victory, while the main pack of riders came in about one minute behind. Tonkov, the 1996 Giro champion, retained his 41-second advantage over France's Luc Leblanc. "It's a great day for me. Everything went as well as it could have. When there were

just four of us, the others tried to pull away from me, but as you could see I was able to stay there and win," Missaglia said.

Italy's Stefano Casagranda fell when a food sack got caught in the spokes of his bicycle. He . appeared to have lost consciousness momentarily, and was taken to hospital.

Before the stage, France's Thierry Laurent, Ukraine's Vladimir Poulnikov and Italy's Marco Gili and Roberto Moretti were banned from the Giro when tests revealed red blood cell counts that were too high, officials said. The International Cycling Union said the riders can not compete for 15 days because they are not medically fit. The pre-race tests were in-

troduced by the ICU earlier this year, and yesterday's action brings to 10 the number of riders ruled out by the new procedure. Excessive levels of red blood cells can be a sign of use of EPO (Erythropoietin), a banned substance which is undetectable in standard urine tests. The higher count can also occur naturally.

The Giro continues today with the 212km stage from Varazze to La Spezia. Results, Digest, page 30

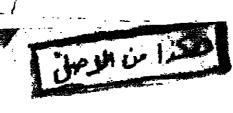
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The single life proves irresistible to Searle

One half of a famous Olympic double act has added another oar to his armoury as he sets out on a solitary pursuit of rowing gold. Mike Rowbottom met him

may seem curious for a rower who has won Olympic gold and bronze medals to complain of blisters on the hands, but there it is. Greg Searle has got blisters on his hands, and it's his own fault.

Still only 25, the man who has had the kind of success of which most rowers can only dream in the coxed pairs and fours has now struck out on his own in the single sculls.

Traditionally, single sculls is rowing's equivalent of the goalkeeping position - you don't have to be mad, but it helps. Searle, one of the least mad individuals you could imagine, is well aware of the implicit expectation in swapping one oar

As he prepares for his first major test in the new event, at this weekend's World Cup in Munich, he is coming to terms with a challenge unlike anything he has faced before.

The blisters have arrived as a result of manipulating two oars for the first time in a rowing career which began at Hampton School 10 years ago. That is but one of the problems of readjustment.

Physically, Searle - at 6ft 5in and 15 and a half stone - is perfectly ready to dominate his event. An indoor rowing ergonometer score of 5min 44.1sec for 2,000 metres, until recently a world record, is further evidence of his capability.

Adapting all this power is the task which will provide Searle with the challenge he needs to keep him in the sport at the highest level.

Mv whole body has become lopsided over after years in the other events," he said. "The technique of the rowing action is different. The pace of the boat is different - the oars are in the more powerful, long strokes. else with me.

whereas in the pairs and fours, it is more of a bang, bang explasive strake *

Searle likens his readjustment to that of a golfer learning a new swing. Like Nick Faldo, he has reinvented himself. It is, as he readily acknowledges, taking a hig a risk. And the riskiest, bravest part of it all goes be-

yond technical changes. What Searle has done is to jettison the camaraderie integral to every other rowing event, something which has been of crucial importance to a man who has always thought of himself as one of the boys.

"The team thing is one of the most attractive things about rowing," he said, "You don't have any glory boys. I can't even think of any other sports where you do exactly the same thing. It is less interesting to watch on TV, but it does make your interdependence that much greater. You are part of a special relationship with other guys where you are all equal."

But now Searle, the rower who many observers have long thought is more equal than others, has taken himself away from all that.

There are no mates to josh with. Particularly, there is no Jonny, the older brother who urged him on in the sport during their time at Hampton School and with whom he won the Olympic coxed pairs in 1992 and a fours bronze in Atlanta last summer. And yes, he is fully aware of the paradox.

"The solitariness is a worry," he said. "Not having Jonny in the hoat with me takes some getting used to. He won't be there to chat with five minutes before the race and give me a little boost.

"l am wondering now whether I am doing enough in



Single-minded sculler: "I'd rather be my own person in my own boat," says Greg Searle

For all that. Searle the younger acknowledges the strong impulse which is behind his latest switch. It is, essentially, the desire to be judged on his own merits.

You do find in the singles that people are trying to show they have got something that other people haven't got," he said. "To some extent I probably do have that feeling too. It is natural to want to be the best in the boat and, if that is the case. I might as well be the only one in the boat."

Single sculling is rowing stripped to the bone. Searle compares it with the 100 metres - hard work comes into it but. essentially, you can either do it or you can't. There is no hiding place for the single sculler. The event makes a complete examination of his will to win which is the ultimate attraction

for Greg Searle.

racing with my brother," he re-called. "Jonny would always sit out what the real deal is until you are actually in a situation behind me when we competed. and I got used to hearing his voice giving commands and knowing there was someone good idea about who is really there who was as hungry as I was

"When we have our backs to

'It is natural to want to be the best in the boat and, if that is the case. I might as well be the only one in the boat'

like that.

able to do it.

the wall, we are both the same. I would like to think I can be as hard as he is when it comes down to it.

There is a mentality which is a winning mentality. It only really comes out in a big race, learned about over the years or a world final. You don't find

by Searle's decision not to throw in his lot with the Fab Four - he decided against joining the double Olympic champions Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent

"People might do their show-

ing off on the water, or even off

the water, but you get a pretty

That hardness was evidenced

in their newly formed four. which will have its first outing

among its directors.

Photograph: Peter Jay

I was doing a sensible thing by not joining the others," he said. 'I'm intrigued to see how the four will do. But I don't want to ning to create consternation among the 10 or so leading exbe one of the people in the boat. I'd rather be my own person in במע own boat."

It may be coincidence, but Searie's willingness to miss that boat comes at a time when he is planning to marry his girl-friend, Jenny.

After the transitory intensi-

ty of the Atlanta Games, the life of a man once listed among Britain's 50 most eligible batchelors is being reordered. While his brother is concentrating on his career as a solicitor, he has taken up a new job with the management motivation company Lane 4, which numbers the former Olympic swimming champion Adrian Moorhouse

Searle believes it will take two years for him to discover his true

and yes, of course, he is think ing in terms of winning the gold. In the meantime, he is plan-

ponents of his new event. "I want to take a few scalps this year," he said. The Searle brothers are part

of Olympic history, not least for the picture of their medal ceremony in Barcelona, which featured Greg with his head cast back as if in exhaustion, Jonny beaming beneath corkscrew curls, and the cox, Gary Herbert, with a face contorted by tears.

In fact, what Searle was experiencing at that moment was not exhaustion, but elation.

"I had a feeling of incredible contentment, not a care in the world," he recalled. "I realised I had done something that could have been something I'd strived for for my whole life and never achieved.

It is a feeling he wants "Some people questioned if 2000 Sydney Olympics is the goal again. On his own terms.

Beefeater pull out of Boat Race

HUGH MATHESON

The Boat Race yesterday suffered a hangover when Beef-eater Gin withdrew as sponsor after one of the most successful and enduring relationships between a poor event and a rich client in modern sport. Beefeater have put £1.4m into the Oxford and Cambridge clubs in the last three-year contract. which will expire after the 1998

Duncan Clegg, the London representative of the clubs, said: "We are disappointed to lose them because it worked so well. Beefeater enhanced the race by generating a much wider appeal, especially abroad, and recreating some of the festival atmosphere of its first 100

He is now looking for a suc-cessor, alongside others who expect to lose tobacco sponsorship under legislation proposed by the new Government. The deal with a new sponsor is expected to rank alongside the London Marathon, into which Flora puts £2.3m per year.

Tim Foster, the Oxford president, said: "Beefeater will take a lot of replacing. It will be a big space to fill. Everyone is still talking about what a good race it was this year and it should attract somebody new. Rowing seems to have a higher profile now, especially with gold medals in every Olympics since 1984, many of them won by Boat Race oarsmen.

The Boat Race remains independent of the £1.8m of Lottery funding which will come to rowing as part of the performance and excellence strategy toward the Sydney Olympics, but the team will certainly include several who have raced in light or dark blue.

TODAY'S NUMBER 32

The number of pounds lost by golfer John Daly during his eight weeks of treatment for alcoholism at the Betty Ford Center. Daly, in Ohio for the Memorial Tournament, said, "I don't have a lot of expectations this week. I just want to get back into the rhythm."

'Out of form' McGrath is dropped by Yorkshire

- ye 40%

ADAM SZRETER

Yorkshire have dropped their England A batsman Anthony McGrath for the County Championship match against Essex starting today at Ilford. Martyn Moxon, left out of the side beaten by Northamptonshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, will open the innings, while Bradley Parker is

Byas said: McGrath has been out of form and really needs to rebuild his confidence, so he will feature in the second team."

Warwickshire bring in the leftarm seamer Darren Altree for his first appearance of the season against Hampshire at Southampion. Altree replaces Allan Donald, who suffered an injury to his lower back in the Benson and Hedges Cup defeat by Kent.

of an Achilles tendon injury at Canterbury and Tony Frost will make his third Championship appearance. John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, and fast

both doubtful. Mark Ramprakash takes charge of Middlesex for the first time for the match with Northamptonshire at Lord's. England Under-19 batsman David Sales

bowler Cardigan Connor are

preferred to McGrath in the Wicketkeeper Keith Piper is to stands by for the visitors as Mal middle order. Captain David see a specialist after a recurrence Loye has a back problem.

Nigel Llong and Dean Headley are both missing from the Kent side to face Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge. Nottinghamshire, hoping to go top, will be without openers Tim Robinson and Paul Pollard, who are both injured.

Lancashire's captain Mike Watkinson faces a late fitness check before the game with the side strain he suffered champions Leicestershire at against Essex two weeks ago.

Grace Road. Watkinson has missed most of the season because of a niggling arm strain, but Wasim Akram will be back after a shoulder problem. Leicestershire are set to recall off-

spinner Adrian Pierson and veteran seamer Gordon Parsons. The left-arm pace bowler Simon Brown returns for Durham's match with Glamorgan at Cardiff after recovering from

Kent granted second chance In the Benson and Hedges Cup The all-rounder Matthew Leicestershire in the other semi-finals. Kent will meet Fleming said: "It is nice to semi-final at The Oval, but the Northamptonshire at Canterbury on 10 June, a repeat of last ter last year, when we felt one season's quarter-final when Nor-

vantage pay and won by 23 runs. Northamptonshire went on to lose in the final to Lancashire, but Kent will be hoping to turn the tables and then go one better themselves after their ex- put up a tremendous effort." citing victory over Warwickshire in the last eight.

thamptonshire made home ad-

have the chance of revenge afor two things didn't go our way. People will probably make us favourites but that doesn't bother us. We were already feeling pretty confident as a

against Warwickshire, when we Surrey will be the favourites to beat the county champions

team before what happened

semi-final at The Oval, but the Leicestershire opening bowler David Millns, man of the match in the quarter-final win over Somerset, said: "We like to keep proving people wrong and keep knocking out the big sides. It gives us a real buzz to take on sides like Lancashire and Warwickshire and turn them over." BEISON AND HEDGES CUP Semi-finel dn Hent v Northamptonshire; Sumey v Leasstesi (Matches to be aleast 10 kms)

Northamptonshine; Sumey v has to be played 10 June).

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR LOW FUEL PRICES?



My time in the sand with Bernhard

Richard Edmondson came under the tutorage of the German master and found him the perfect friend to have when buried in a bunker

steep," Bernhard Langer said just after I had climbed into the bunker with him. "Now, you're rather shal-

an initial meeting. Bernhard does golf days with duffers because a watch company pays him a lot of money to do so. Thus, as the rivers Colne and Misbourne were chuckling away in the background, a group of men gathered in front of an 18th Century Grade II mansion that is the clubhouse of the Buckingone plopped into a sandpit.

I kept to myself the fact that I'd already been round the Buckinghamshire, and had

ature claims rather loftily that the course was built on a site studded with 5,000 mature trees. I am, unhappily. able to verify this statistic. This exercise

was billed as a the sand started to relocate from

green it became clear these and effect would have had swings were in need of an intensive care unit. Bernhard nevertheless seemed in good spirits after what bad been a rather mixed day. When the highest earner in the history of the European tour got home and plonked his clubs in the porch, it is unlikely the cat had to dive for cover. He was able to tell Mrs Langer that even though it had been a relative stinker at the office and he had lost a match he had been expected to win (in the Omega reported that interest Championship) he still had a per cent by the simple expedicheque for \$20,000 (£12,500) in his back pocket.

Men other than Darren in the film Goldeneye. Clarke, his matchplay conqueror, were now testing the patience. Galleries always

Your backswing is too about Bernhard down to the flavour of his shower gel. "What do you do if you're plugged right in the face of a bunker?" he asked. Bernhard low." It's funny how some peo-shrugged his shoulders and ple can read you seconds after tried to smile while trying not to say "don't put it in there in the first place".

Langer is too polite to probably even think that, and there was a practised charm about his show. "I wish I'd done that earlier," he said as one of his chips

disappeared.

Bernhard is an ideal man for clinics because, though he is a committed Christian, he is one hamshire Golf Club and one by of the few golfers who does not consider he is already at the right hand of God simply because the ball he hits with a stick keeps going down a hole.

plenty of course knowledge to bring into play. The club liter- greenside, but there was one I did not anticipate, Patrick.

He is one of the actor, collecting tips. I the few golfers seem to remember him who does not to Black Beauconsider he is ty once, and Mother Naalready at the ture is beginning to get her golf clinic, but as right hand of God own back as

his navel sets off in search of the bunker on to the practice his knees. Students of cause their interest awoken by the flat liquid lingering in his pint pot.

My meeting with the great Bernhard had been organised by a superior timepiece company who seemed rather keen that I should use their name at least as many times as Langer's. Have no fear, I said. journalistic wiles will be employed to subliminally slip in your brand name when the reader is least expecting it. Andersen Consulting World in their timepieces went up 140 ent of "placing" their product on the wrist of Pierce Brosnan

The Swiss firm's marketing strategy is not a complex one. They give famous people a come with a resident clever watch and tell others to buy dick, and our incumbent on this one. The message seems to be occasion was a bloke who that you can drive a car like wanted to know everything Michael Schumacher or look



Occupational hazard: Bernhard Langer (left) has his hands full trying to help Richard Edmondson out of the sand

SPORTING DIGEST

Omega. Disappointed subscribers may find instead they drive like the model and look like the German. Bernhard taught me to open

CRICKET

SCOREBOARD

Tetley's Challenge Series

Głoucestershire v Australia

BRUSTOL: Australia, with all their second havings wickets standing, are 58 runs bel Glossesstershire. Today: 11.0.

USTRALIA – First innings 249 (S.R.Waugh 92 M.E.Waugh 66; J.J.Lews 4-89).

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second day of three

like Cindy Crawford if you fol- the clubface up to an absurd technique is that it makes its that rare species who have low their lead and wear angle that suggests you are not striker look as if he has an un-seen him hit 20 shots within five going to hit the ball at all. Miraculously it worked (okay, it worked once) and the ball splashed out. However, an un- et swiftly, which meant that

sightly bald spot on the top of minutes. On the course, Bern-

his head. Bernhard emptied his buck-

hard is embarrassingly slow even by pallbearer standards. But now he made us glad to fortunate side effect of this those present can claim to be be alive as he dutifully shook Bernhard, not so.

our hands and said what a pleasure it had been. "I sure straightened him out, didn't I?' he said playfully as a duffer

duffed one. "I bet you wish

you'd never met me." Not so

Clarke, with 337,951.57 points, said: "My Ryder Cup po-sition is not finalised but I'm most of the way there. I would dearly like to win this week. I've been playing well of late so in-stead of pulling out after last week I decided to come here. "I was close to pulling out be-

selection.

cause I was tired and I haven t been home since before the Spanish Open five or six weeks ago. I'm still playing at Slaley Hall next week and after that it's the US Open. I like the course here and have played well in the past. I was runner-up to Bernhard Langer here in 1992 and I was third here last year."

Darren Clarke, who finished joint second in the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth last week, has a special incentive not only to make the European Ryder Cup team but also to do well at Valderrama,

where the match will be staged

The Irishman, who made a late decision to play in the Deutsche Bank Open in Hamburg this week, said yesterday: "My club manufacturers have

promised me a Ferrari 355 if I

make the Ryder Cup team and

win two points.

"The 355 is one of three current models and costs £100,000. If it comes off, then

it comes off and all I know is

that it's there as a bonus. The

car of my dreams is one that

car of my meeting in the Ryder Cup points table, behind Ian Woosnam and Colin Montgomerie and the latest think-

ing is that 350,000 points will be enough to get into the top 10 and be an automatic

in September.

To get past the 350,000 points mark in the Cup standings, Clarke will have to finish in the top 10 this week, an achievement well within his grasp on present form. His chances of victory have also improved with the withdrawal of Colin Mostgomerie "for personal reasons" and the possibility that Seve Ballesteros may not last the distance this week.

Ballesteros has been struggling with back trouble for some months and only last week had to pull out of the Volvo PGA after one round. Ballesteros said: "I decided to give myself three days rest after Wentworth and see if I felt better. Right now I feel good enough to play as I'm feeling much better. I've also entered Slaley Hall but I go one day at a time right now.

Twelve of the top 20 in the Ryder Cup points table are in the 156-strong field in Hamburg, including Langer, who will be seeking to win for the 10th time in his native Germany. Langer has won the German Open five times, the German Masters twice and the Honda Open and Deutsche Bank Open once each.

Hall loses the advantage

Darren Hall failed to make the most of twice taking the lead against the sixth-seeded Ong Ewe Hock of Malaysia in the second round of the World Championships in Glasgow vesterday. England's former European

champion led 13-11 in the first game and 4-0 in the second but could not impose himself upon Ong and lost 18-13, 15-7. The Malaysian, without ever

ing into the net and twice making errors at the net. Hall played well in patches in the second game but faded in the middle, although he made a late rally to delay the finish.

sion that, having only recently returned after an Achilles injury, his levels of concentration were not always match tight. Hall's defeat leaves Scot-

Seeded players in capitals

Men's singles, first round: F Fontang (Fr) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3 6-7 6-0 4-6 6-2. Second round: L Roux (Fr) bt S Lareau (Can S Navarro (Sp) 6-1 6-7 6-1 6-2: Y KAFELNIKOV (Rus) bt G Racux (Fr) 7-5 6-3 6-4; F Dewulf (Bel) bt F Meligent (Bra) 6-4 6-2 3-6 1-6 6-3; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt J Albert VIIoca (Sp) 6-4 6-3 6-4; C Pioline (Fr) bt G Etis (Arg) 2-6 6-3 6-3 7-6; A CORRETJA (Sp) bt J Knippschild (Ger) 4-6 6-1 6-1 7-6; P SAMPRAS (Ger) 4-6 G-1 G-1 7-6; P SAMPRAS (US) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-1 G-2 G-2; T MUSTER (Aut) bt J Tarango (US) 7-5 1-6 G-2 G-1; T Champion (Fr) bt R Delgard (Par) 6-2 G-3 G-3; N Escude (Gr) bt J Stark (US) 6-4 G-2 6-2; A Portas (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 6-4 4-6 7-5 6-3.

Although it was a creditable performance, it left the impres-

looking convincing, took seven land's Anne Gibson as the only points in a row to capture the British singles survivor.

FRENCH OPEN TENNIS RESULTS

26-2; C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt C Ru-bin (US) 6-3 6-0; N Arendt (US) bt L Golarsa (t) 6-2 6-2; A COETZER (SA) bt A Frazier (US) 7-6 6-4; C Dhenin (Fr) bt S Tateja (Croa) 6-2 7-5; I SPIRLEA (Rom) bt I Gor-rochategui (Arg) 6-4 4-6 6-2; P Schnyder (Swit) bt K Studenikova (Slovak) 6-0 2-0 ret; J NOVOTNA (Cz Rep) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 6-4 6-O; M Sema (So) bt N Kijimura O; M Sema (Sp) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 3-6 6-4 6-2; L DAVENPORT (US) bt E Makarova (Rus) 6-1 6-1; S GRAF (Ger) bt A Mauresmo (Fr) 6-3 6-3; M Babel (Ger) bt H Sukova (Cz Rep) 4-6 6-4 12-10; A Grossman (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-4 6-4; I MAJOLI (Croa) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-

first game, helped by Hall serv-

Women's singles, second round: R Dragomir (Rom.) bt Y Basuki (Indon) 7-5 4-6 8-6; K HABSUDOVA (Slovak) bt E Likhovtseva (Rus) 6-2 6-2; C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt C Ru-Extras (h3). 43
Total (for 0, 22 owers) 43
To bet J L Langer, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, M G Benen, 1 fa Heaty, M S Kesprouez, J N Gelespie, S K Warre, G D McGrath, Bowling (to data): Snth 5-24-0; Davis 9-4
18-0; Lewey 5-2-15-0; Bell 2-1-1-0; Alleyne 2-

Umpirees G I Burgess and P Adams.
SECOND 20 CHAMPIONSSEP (First day of three,
11.0 today!: Asstrond: Kest 230 (J H Baldock
71 no; K A Parsons 5-39); Sornesset, 136 for 5.
Handsley Town: Leicestershre 256 (D Willemson
83. J Ormand 60; K P Sheersz 4-61, R Turnel
4-56; Gloucestershre 75 for 1. Nazwie and Dorntdigs: Warnelcaries 318 for 8 (D A T Deton 64,
5 McDonald Szoo! v Hampshre, Bland: Esset
240 (D J) Robinson 109; A C Morres 4-35); Yorkwhite 33 for 1.

Starting today BRITANNE ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPION SHEP (First day of four, 11.0); (front: Essa-vonstrue, Cardiff; (Sarrodger) Outreth, South ampiton: Hampishire v Warnicclears, Lelousei Leicespershire v Lancashire, Lendrus Hoddesper Northampionshire. Trent Bridge: Nottingharnish

Athletics

Ben Johnson, the disgraced Canadian sprinter, withdrew his application to the International Amateur Athletics Federation on Tuesday to have a lifetime ban for drug abuse lifted, after filing a suit in an Ontario court earlier this month to win the right to loce again. The court, however, said it will not hear the case however, said it will not near use use use use use use to see until 21 July, postponing any comeback for Johnson for at least another two months. Lawyers for Athletics Canada and the IAAF won the July adjournment, according leboson's provise artificials to prompting Johnson's representatives to drop their application, though they hope the ban will be lifted if the Canadian court

agrees that Johnson's right to earn a living had been violated. Sergel Bubka, the world pole vault record-holder, has been forced to pull out of Sunday's meeting in Toronto with a nagging Achilles tendon injury, the same problem which prevented him from

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Glasgow) Mem's singles, first round (selected): Sun Jun (Ch) tr R Vaughan (Wal) 15-5 15-2 8 Sentoso (Indon) tr P Knowles (Epg 9-15 15-12 15-0: Tam Kai Chuen (HN) br C Haughton (Eng 15-12 9-15 15-10. Second round: Dong Jong (Chi bi P Uwarov (Rus) 15-11 15-5: T Suer-Laundsen (Den) bt J Van Dig (Neth) 18-8 15-5: Ong Eve Hock (Macadorus) tr D

TODAY'S FIXTURES Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Bay of Plenty (NZ) v Ireland Development XV (3.35am) (at Rotorus).

ELITE LEAGUE: loswich v Belle Vue (7.30). PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield v Exeter (7.45).
PREMIER LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT CUP: Skeg-

Other sports BADMINTON: World Championships (Glas

Beres (Can) 15-4 15-9: I Wijaya (Indon) bt M Constable (Eng) 15-3 15-11; P Resmussen (Den) bt Lin Lwen (Ch) 15-7 15-1; Park Sung Woo (Kor) bt D Palyame (Neth) 15-5 15-9; Alan Budi kusama (Indo) bt Hervita Bengtsson (Swe) 15-9 15-5 Women's singles, accord round: Ye Zhaoying (Ch) bt L Campbell (Aus) 11-1 11-1; Candens (Indon) bt M Andrewskaya (Swe) 11-7 11-12 11-3; Ra Kyung Mini (fort bt A Sondegaard (Den) 11-6 11-1; Di North the A Sondegaard (Den) 11-6 11-1; Di North the Andrewskaya (Bela) 11-0 11-0; M Audina (Indon) bt K Krasowske (Pol) 11-8 11-1; Yoo Yan (Ch) bt I Boopetry (Macedonia) 11-1 11-1: Wang Chen (China) bt Pontsawan Plungween (Tha) 11-11-9; Lee Joo Hyun (Kor) bt Koon Wai Chee (HVQ 11-0 11-6.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 7 Milwaukee 6: Detroit 6 Araheim 2: Baltimore 10 New York Yankees 6; Oakland 8 Kenses City 6 (10 In-nings); Cheage Wints 50x 8 Cleveland 2: Teas 15 Toronto 5; Minnesota 11 Sentile 10. NATIONAL LEAGUE: 51 Louis 8 Colorado 6; Com Emerca E University A (10 Indirect) Chea San Francisco 5 Houston 4 (10 Innines); Chica-go Cubs 8 Pritishungh 7; Philadelphia 2 Choonnat 1; Montreal 5 New York Mets 4; Atlante 9 San Diago 2; Florida 8 Los Ange-

Basketbali NBA Play-offs: Western Conference final: Utah 96 Houston 91, (Utah lead best-of-sev-en series 3-2).

Boxing PROFESSIONAL PROMITION (Marriott Ho-tel, London): British flyweight champion-ship: A Lewis (Bury, holder) br. M. Raynolds (Sudbury) pts. 8-rd featherweight: G. Med-ara (Men) br. G. Burrell (Kricalair) rsf. 3rd, 4-rd middleweight: J. Rattiff (Romford) br. J. Finlayon (Manchester) pts. 8-rd feather-markets by the control of the control of the control

cestershire are to lose their coach David Houghton, who is to take over the same post full-time for his native Zimbabwe before the end of the sesson. Houghton, in his third season as Worshire coach, will stay at New Road until taking up his new appointment from

309 (49.4 overs; S.T. Jayasunya 55, P.A.De Sika 55, A.Rarsburga 59; Palestan 224 (43.1 overs; Rameaz Raja 76, Ijaz Alimed 55) (Sri Lanka win best-of-time final 2-0).

GIRO D'TRALIA 11th stage (155km, Camatore to Camatore): 1 G Missagia (ti Mapel 3hr 36min 24sec; 2 A Vetteroni (ti Sorigno; 3 M Celestano III) Potit; 4 M Podenzama (ti) Mercatone Uno all same time; 5 F Cabello (Sp) Kelme + 15sec; 6 M Fincato (ti) Rosiottis; 7 D di Paoli (ti) Rosi Mary, 8 C Fratum (ti) Brescelat all str. 9 M Capolini (ti) Saeco + 1mm 00sec; 10 A Spezialem (ti) Betik; 11 D Konychev (Rus) Rosiotto: 12 M Scoptial (ti) Sorige (times times ti thir (it) Steposical and the Copolin (it) Settle;

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14 S Gallorini (it) Scngho: 15 G Mondini (it)

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17 D Bramati (it) Mape; 18 J L Rubiera

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20 S Garzali (it) Mescanne Lino all 91 L Leading overall standings: 1 P Torriov (Rus) Macel

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3 I Gotti (it) Seco +1:09; 5 A Paluan (it) Candina Tofo +1:33; 6 A Noe' (it) Asics +1:43;

7 P Sevoldelli (it) Roslotto +2:40; 8 L Pepoli

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(Nacak) Asics +3:05; 10 G Smorti (it) Magi
ficio MG +3:14; 11 M Copoditio (it) Magificio MG +3:14; 12 N M Moell (it) ARI +3:50;

13 G Guenni (it) Polit +3:58; 14 P Ugumov

(Rus) Roslotto +3:59; 15 E Zaine (it) Asics

+4:01: 16 G di Grande (it) Mapel +4:02:

17 W Beili (it) Brescalat +4:39; 18 F Sme
oni (it) Asics +5:01; 19 A Meroix (Bei) Polit

+5:09; 20 F Garcla (Sp) Festina +5:32.

Football

The Blackburn midfielder Billy McKin-lay has escaped with a £750 fine af-ter becoming the first Premiership player to amass 45 penalty points in a up before a Football Association disciplinary committee yesterday and feared he may get a long-term suspension, but the FA decided on the fine and a warn-ing to McKiniay over his future conduct. Des Walker will be staying at Sheffield Wednesday, after he signed a new four-year contract yesterday. The former Eng-land cantre-half had been the subject of speculation about moves to Mid-dlesbrough and Nottingham Forest.

The Nottingham Forest striker Jason Lee has agreed personal terms with Wat-ford and will join the Second Division side when the clubs agree a fee. Bordeaux's French international mid-fielder Ibrahim Ba is to join Milan next

season. The two clubs reached an agreement for a four-year contract and a FFr45m (£5m) transfer fee but the deal had yet to be finalised. Wolverhampton Wanderers are trying to sign Barnsley's England under-21 winger Martin Bullock, who has rejected a new contract offer

CONTRACT ORRE WORLD CUP Asian zone Group Six: South Norea 4 (Yoo Sang-chul pen 25, Cho Yong-soo 40, 70, Park Kun-ha 85; Hong Kong Ö. EUROPEAN UNDER-21. CHAMPIONSHIP Group Taree: France 2 (Allov 45, 90) Finland 1 (Jussia 20). RMENIAN CUP Final (Yerevan): Ararat Yere an 1 (Babayan 6) Pyunic Yerevan (),

BULGARIAN CUP Pinal (Sofia): CSXA Sofia 3 (Lukhev 9, Zhabov 48, Petikov 58) Levski Sofia 1 (Gospodinov 51). sone 1 (Gospodinov 51).
TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: International Priendity: Scotland 0 Woles 1 (Hartson 46).
Austrian Cop final (Vienna): FC Vienna 1 (Posch og 87) Sturm Graz 2 (Vastic pen 5, Dove 74).

Laura Davies, the World No 2, will play her first event on this season's Amer-ican Express Tour in the 54-hole Ford-Stimorol Danish Open at Vejle, beginning

IndyCar racing

Arie Liyendyk earned his second Indi-anapolis 500 title on Tuesday, getting past Scott Goodyear, his Treadway Racing tearn-mate, with seven laps to go and maintaining the lead to the che-quered flag. The race was finally run af-ter rain ruined efforts to run the classic on Sunday and Monday at Indianapo-

INDIANAPOLIS 500 (US unless stated): 1
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Laps; 3 J Ward (mokle) G-Force-Aurora
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Aurora (Firestone) 200 Japs; 6 D Hamilton G-Force-Aurora (Goodyear) 199 Japs, running; 7 B Boat Datara-Aurora (Goodyear) 199 Japs,

Netball

Mary Beardwood was yesterday ap-pointed the English national coach for the world championship in 1999. Mary 44, took the Under-21 squad to bronze Canada last year, and will replace the present national coach Liz Broomhead, who becomes national squad co-

Pools dividends

LITTLEWOODS: Treble .chance: 23pts £575.897.40. 22 £2,071.60. 21 £231.87. 20 £23.85. Half-time: result: 23pts £19.230.75. Four draws £113.05. 10 homes £10.65. Sbt aways £2.60. VERNONS: Treble chance: 23pts (no client with 23), 22 £4,556.45, 21 £109.40, 20 £13.40.

£13.40. 2ETTERS: Treble chance: 23pts £38.962.85. 22 £128.15. 21 £20.80. 20 £1.75. Three draws £16.60. Eight bomes £2.60. 5s. aways £4.50. Lucky numbers 20 9 6 23 37 32. BRITTENS: Treble chance: 22pts £1,339.40, 21pts £8.95, 20pts £1,40, Four draws £23.35. Eight homes £8.80, Skraways £1.80.

Rugby League AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE STATE OF ORI-GIM SERIES (Brisbane): Queensland 6 New South Wales 8 INSW lead three-match series 1-0).

1-0).
TUESDAYS LATE RESULT: Stones Super League: Halifax (26) 26, Bradford (3) 30. Halifax: Tries Amore 2, Quespe 2, Dean: Goals Peasson 3. Bradford: Tries Spruce 2. Knox, Loughin, McDermord: Scales: Goals

Rugby Union TUESDAY'S LATE RESI

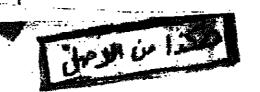
Water polo

MEN'S WORLD CUP (Athers Gr): Group A: Hungary bt Yugoslava 10-Signissis bt Croa-tia 10-5. Group B: United Sales bt lizely 7-6; Groce bt Spain 7-8.

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SATURDAY 23.20 CHANNEL 4



sport

RUGBY UNION: Try by skipper Wainwright saves face for tourists but ligament injury to Gibbs may prove high price to pay

Lions almost sink Without trace

CHRIS HEWETT

reports from East London Border British Isles



A small matter of first Lions captain, L Seddon drowned in a row-

ing accident in Australia. Rob Wainwright very nearly suffered a similar experience here yesterday. Not only was he forced into repeated Jacques Cousteau impersonations as he dived increasingly frantically for the ball on a waterlogged pitch, but he also spent 80 minutes submerged beneath a Border pack who, for all their perceived weaknesses. came within a whisker of inflicting the upset to end them

The stand-in skipper's driveover try eight minutes from time, supplemented by Tim Stimpson's penalty seconds from the final whistle, just about spared the tourists the indignity of a first provincial defeat in South Africa since 1968. Nothing could spare their blushes. however. Border, a self-confessed shambles this season, played a more intelligent band for much of the game and might easily have emulated their forerunners of 1955 by beating the cream of the British

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The cream looked well and truly curdled yesterday on the eastern Cape's laughably misnamed Sunshine Coast. Paul Grayson's kicking game sank that the South Africans pos-

without trace in the fathomless depths of a sodden surface at the Basil Kenyon Stadium - he missed five from five, three of them little more than sand wedge chip shots - and with his confidence in tatters as a result. his distribution from outside-109 years ago the half disappeared in the same general direction. There was not much to shout about in the front five, either, although Mark Regan generated some valuable comph in the bump

and grind.

To make matters worse, Scott Gibbs was taken off on a stretcher with damaged ankle ligaments. He was promptly packed off to the team's new base in Cape Town this morning for intensive treatment, and although the Lions management tried their level best to play down the worst case scenario, the injury was severe enough to raise immediate fears over the Weishman's future on this tour. On the evidence of his muscularly committed performance in the first half yesterday, he would be badly missed.

As in Port Elizabeth last weekend, the Lions picked up early points with a high-class try as thoughtful in conception as it was decisive in execution. Grayson's short-side chip was gathered by Tony Underwood inside the Border 22, and when Stimpson galloped full pelt on to Allan Bateman's weighted pass going right, John Bentley was handily placed for the kill. Two minutes on the clock, Bor-

der on their uppers.

cated weaponry than the local experts had let on. Both props. Heinrich Kok and Delarey du Preez, caught the eye with a brand of direct running and dexterous ball-handling that seemed entirely beyond the Lions' heavy mob, and with John Bradbrook and Greg Miller hitting the hot spots with their tactical kicking, the tourists struggled to capitalise on a marked territorial advantage.

Regan ploughed over on 35 minutes after a rumble from the deeply impressive Eric Miller, but some confused thinking by Grayson allowed Greg Hechter, a real handful in the Border midfield, to work Andre Classen over in the left corner a couple of minutes short of the interval. Greg Miller added two secondhalf penalties to an earlier success and at 14-10, the Lions were on the edge of the precipice until Wainwright took advantage of Doddie Weir's clean line-out catch to burrow his way to a win-

Worryingly from the point of view of the tourists, Ruhan van Zyl, the Border captain, reached similar conclusions to those of his fellow hooker and Eastern Province skipper, Jaco Kirsten, as he reflected on the day's proceedings. "The Lions are vulnerable up front," he asserted. "They are not that strong in the scrums and when they get to the Tests, the Springbok forwards will give them a tough time."

Clearly, it is time for Jim Telfer, the hard-nosed Scot with Yet it soon became clear a doctorate in the stern science of the set-piece, to reach for his



Rob Wainwright (far left) drives the ball over the fine to score the Lions' winning try against Border yesterday

whip. Unless the big boys start flexing their muscles and punching their weight, the next few weeks could be very painful

K Mototana (D Mandes, 43), A Chaeserr, G Miller, J Bradbeoic H Kok, R van Zyl (capt), D du Presz, S Botha, J Geanng (L Blateway, 73), M Swart, A Fox, A Botha (D Coetzer, 81).

The Pacific nations of Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa said yesterday they had joined forces and would apply as one team to take part in next year's Super 12 series. The competition is currently played be-

tween four clubs each from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The islands aim to have a team fully prepared to offer warm-up matches to existing Super 12 teams by January 1998.

Wright finds it is good to talk

Football

GLENN MOORE

an Wright yesterday admitted e had intended to hurt Peter chmeichel at Highbury this .ar, but was having counselling in an attempt to stop himself doing something similar again.

Wright becomes the fourth England player undergoing counselling after Paul Merson, Tony Adams and Paul Gascoigne. He yesterday celebrated his first England goal in England - against South Africa on Saturday - by putting his newly focused playing persona down to counselling. He added that he was looking forward to returning to Poland on Saturday. Four years ago he scored his first international goal there to earn England a draw.

Meanwhile his close friend Paul Ince, who was called a headless chicken by Graham Taylor after his display in Poland that day, appears, like Paul Gascoigne, to be winning his battle against injury.

While fatherhood and a move to Italy has calmed ince, Wright needed professional help. "It's not hypnosis, just

want people to think I am talking about it because I want sympathy, everything I am doing is for the longevity of my career. I want to finish without controversy, I have got tired of it.

"Why can't I deal with anger the way someone like Demis Bergkamp can? Maybe it is in his nature, but anyone should be able to deal with it. This lady has shown I can channel my aggression in a good way and still smile.

"What started me changing was the sending off at Nottingham Forest. I'm so embarrassed by it now. As much as people say Nicola Jerkan (who Wright ran into after being fouled by him] rolled over, it was a stupid act of petulance by me. I cost the team the game. I was in a good vein of scoring but after that the whole season went sour."

Then there was the Schmei-chel incident. "I didn't catch him but if I had done it would not have been nice," Wright said. "I do like to pride myself on never maliciously hurting someone, but that was a challenge where I could have hurt the guy. I maliciously went in for the ball

someone I can talk to," he hard I am glad Pete is all right. ferent now," he added. "This said: "In the last few games I I'm glad it didn't harm him for new approach is going to be for have benefited from it. I don't the championship. I've got no personal grievance with him, but when I'm on the pitch I'm a different animal and I'm trying to tame that animal. "I wish I had started my career

earlier. The discipline of maybe being in football when I was younger might have been good for me, having to do things like cleaning boots and toilets. There is still a lot of the Sunday footballer in me. I am sure people look at some of the things I do and think: 'That's ridiculous,

that's Sunday morning stuff.' "I used to dislike people who criticised me, but now I am trying to accept it more and create less. If it is justified, I deserve a hammering. I am tired of that, tired of going to see the FA. I want people to remember me for my goals."

The timing and nature of Wright's confession should save him another trip to Lancaster Gate over the Schmeichel incident, although few will be convinced about the conversion until he has a trouble-free season. He has, however, the mental toughness and intelligence to change. "Things are going to be dif-

new approach is going to be for the rest of my life. The important thing is to be honest about it. It is like admitting you're an alcoholic. I can't keep saying I'm being picked on. I have to ask

why. I am going to a counsellor because things are happening to me on and off the pitch that make me realise how lucky I am and I don't want to finish up with people disliking me. The Manchester United fans on Saturday could easily have given me a hard time, but they didn't and I appreciate that."

Wright is likely to be on the bench on Saturday, as he was for England's last visit. Ince, after training yesterday, should be playing - and hopefully playing more sensibly than four years ago, when a needless foul earned a booking that put him out of the fateful defeat in Norway a few days later.

"He is a different player now," Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, said. "He is still tenacious and aggressive, but he is calmer. Going to Italy has added something to his game." Gascoigne also looks likely to play after doing light training

Young ones set to enjoy Premier status

The kids are all right - or at least they will be from next season. when the FA Premier Youth League begins.

The League, open to under-18s, will embrace all current Premier League members, as well as clubs recently relegated. It will complement the "Charter for Quality" programme published this month by the Football Association's technical director, Howard Wilkinson.

Chubs will play no more than 30 fixtures a season and matches will take place on approved first-class pitches and be refereed by experienced officials.

"I am delighted the FA Premier League has shown the vision to take responsibility for youth-team football at the highest level," Wilkinson said yesterday. "The development is in line with my Charter and will lead to greater quality in the years to come."

Premiership chubs in London and the south will continue to field teams in the South-East Counties League. Clubs who enter the Premier Youth League are likely to use SECL matches for first-year trainees and outstanding younger players.

O'Neill on Everton's managerial shortlist

ALAN NIXON

Everton's quest for a new manager enters its final phase today when Peter Johnson, the club's chairman, considers the merits of a three-man shortlist of Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson, Martin O'Neill of Leicester and Leeds United's George Gra-

Graham has really only just arrived at Leeds, but reports of disillusionment over the quality of the side and a lack of spending money were not quelled by his denial of any links with the Everton job yesterday. The Dutch coach Wim van Hanegem is coming to Merseyside for an interview on Monday, but his best hope would appear to be a back-room post.

A dispute over a bonus has held up the signing of a contract to keep Ronaldo at Barcelona. Negotiations had been suspended over the one-off bonus, around £9m, which the club said they would pay to ensure Ronal-

do did not go to another team. Rangers are hoping to sign the Fiorentina centre-half Lorenzo Amoruso today in a £4.5m deal to thwart Manchester United. The 25-year-old flew into Glasgow last night for talks and is expected to sign a four-year contract worth an estimated £16,000 a week.

Southampton fans are ready to dump their expired season tickets outside The Dell to show the Premiership club's board the extent of their anger at the events surrounding Graeme Souness's resignation. A public meeting is set to take

place at a Southampton hotel tonight, and organisers are expecting the 700-capacity venue to be packed. "The fans have had enough, and feelings are running very high. We anticipate a very large turn-out," Clive Foley, a spokesman for the club's Independent Supporters' Association, said.

Brighton have been told by Crawley Council that they cannot share the new Broadfield Stadium with Crawley Town next season. The councilowned ground is due to be completed at the end of July, and was considered an option by the Seagulls should their plans to use Hove greyhound stadium

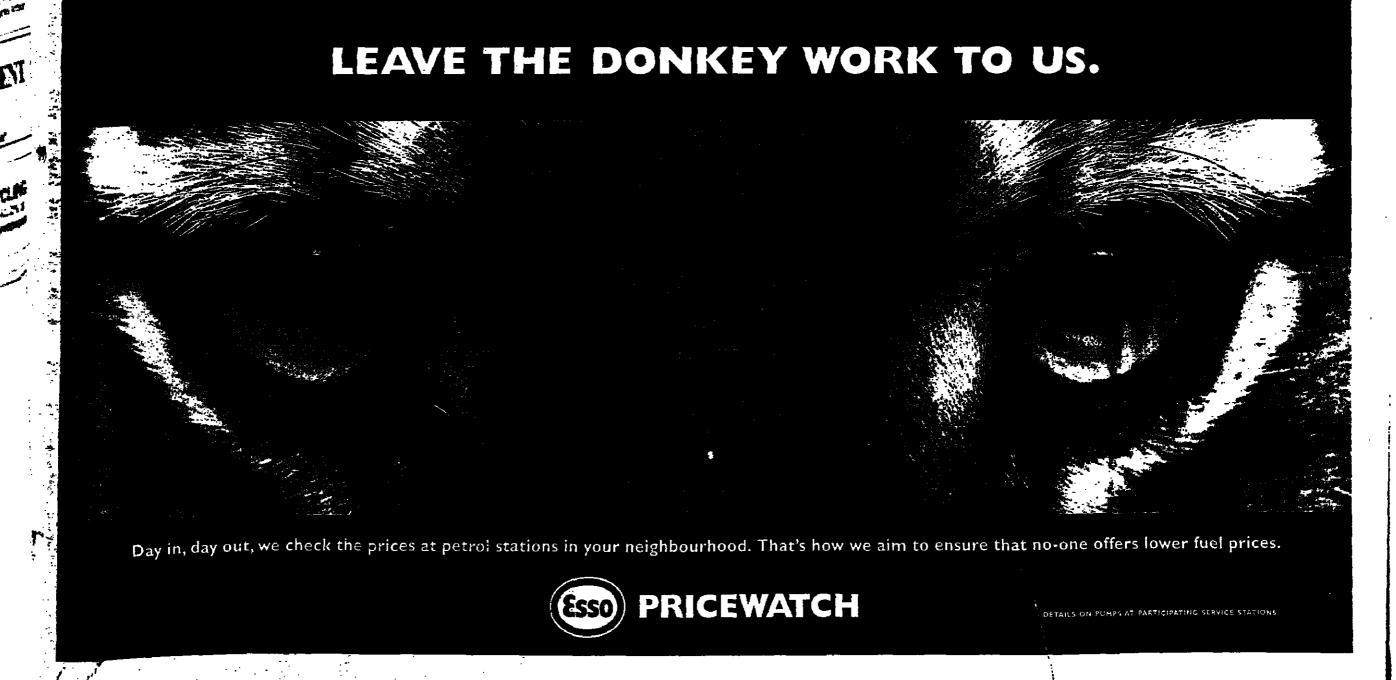
Uefa to help clubs hit by Bosman ruling

A Uefa fund to provide compensation to small clubs who lose players on free transfers under the Bosman ruling was called "an interesting idea" by a director of one of the League sides that could benefit.

David Rhodes, the managing director of Wrexham, welcomed the plan drawn up by football's European governing body, but said the reaction from English football's authorities will be crucial. Uefa's idea, revealed yesterday, could appeal to smaller clubs throughout Europe, whose survival was threatened by the Bosman ruling on out-of-contract players in 1995. "While we are interested in the

idea, we would like to see what the Football League come up with, because they have been talking to everyone for a while, Rhodes said, "Obviously there is something that needs to be done to help the smaller clubs, and we will keep an eye on it."

A Uefa executive committee member said the plan was for up to £70,000 to be paid, from a pool established from television revenue, to a small club that loses out as a result of free transfers.



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Muster's win descends into farce

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Roland Garros

Grace and elegance have their place on Court Suzanne Lenglen as the French champ-ionships mark a centenary of women's tennis, but not to the exclusion of a bit of blood and thunder and a touch of music-

Yesterday's programme closed with the dainty offering of Thomas Muster versus Jeff Tarango, which concluded with Muster, the victor, refusing to shake his opponent's hand.

It should be emphasised that Bruno Rebeuh, the French umpire who was the subject of Tarango's ire when the American was disqualified at Wimbledon in 1995, was otherwise engaged. Rebeuh was on the Centre Court officiating a match between Pete Sampras and Francisco Clavet.

Britain's Mike Morrissey was in the hot seat on Court Lenglen, where Muster concentrated chiefly on improving his form in order to sustain a muscular challenge for the title he won here two years ago, and Tarango presented his customary mixture of affronted digni-

ty and whimsy.
One minute the American was berating the umpire about

line calls, the next he was imitating Muster's iron-man walk with a panache that would have done credit to John Cleese. Morrissey intervened when

Tarango imitated Muster's grunting during the course of a point, and ordered a let to be played. Tarango argued and Muster eventually called for the Grand Slam supervisor, Bill Gilmore, "I asked Bill to make sure the match continued fluidly, without having to stop and go for five minutes, Muster said afterwards.

Morrissey continued to be in and out of his chair, checking marks on the clay to settle disputed line calls, and at one stage Tarango doffed his cap and executed an elaborate bow as the umpire made his way back across the court to to his seat.

Muster, for the most part, managed to control his temper, but towards the end of the third set he delivered a smash towards Tarango's body, the ball zooming between the American's legs. Asked if he was trying to hit Tarango. Muster said: "If he would have been in

my way, yes."

Early in the fourth set, Tarango served underarm on one point. He won that one, but lost the game and the match drifted away from him, Muster

Cool hand Pete

Pete Sampras is the king of cool at this year's French Open.

The world No 1, aiming to win the only grand slam title to elude him, has attracted attention by keeping his rackets in the

"If I keep them out in the heat, the strings lose their tension," he said after crushing Francisco Clavet of Spain in straight sets yesterday to reach the third round. "That's why I put them in the refrigerator."

His rackets might not like hot weather, but the man certainly does as the sun makes the clay sia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

courts fast, allowing him to play his trade-mark attacking game.
"I don't mind what kind of

surface I'm playing on," said Sampras, who has won grand slams on anything but clay. "I know what my capabilities are and I know that if I play well I'll be hard to beat."

Sampras could become the first man to win all four grand slams since Australia's Rod Laver, the player he admires most. His best result in Paris came last year when he lost in the semifinals to the eventual winner. Rus-

shake hands, Muster said: "I don't think what we saw today was very professional. You can't say whatever you want to say and then after the match shake

"We know the history of Jeff. He's not an easy guy. There's no excuse for certain behaviour on the court. I know that I'm not always that great when I'm on the court. I'm fighting, I'm giv-ing everything out there. I'm looking at balls and ball marks. But that's all within the rules, and there's no problem with it.'

Muster added that Tarango's first-round opponent, Marcelo Filippini, had also refused to shake hands, but Tarango insisted that the reverse was the

"I think probably his [Muster's] ego was just a little bruised," Tarango said. "He bruised, Tarango said. "He has such a big ego that if you take a little of his limelight, he just doesn't like it. I think that's what it boils down to."

Asked why he behaved the way he did, Tarango said: "I wanted to win the first set. That was the main thing on my mind. I didn't think I could beat him physically. He apparently trains a lot harder than I do.

"You could see that the crowd expected me to do something bad and wrong. Eventually, I felt they just saw I was trying my hardest, and I was going to have fun.

The only thing I had a problem with was when Thomas was grunting when I was hitting the ball. I think there's not any room for that. He's doing his little gamesmanship out there. It's a mind game as well as a physical game. I guess he wants all the rules to go in his favour.

That's not the way it is out there. You know, at some point it's just like an echo in my head, his grunting. It's just too much. I grunt once and we have to play a let. Well, I'm sorry. I mean, just thought that was comedy. That's just ridiculous."

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Eye on the ball: Alex Corretja, of Spain, serves on his way to victory over Jens Knippschild yesterday

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Golden Four abandon blood tests

Athletics

Abandoning blood testing at the élite Golden Four athletics meetings would appear to be the latest sign that officials are re-

treating in the war on drugs.

The meetings in Oslo,
Zurich, Brussels and Berlin, leading events on the grand prix circuit, introduced blood testing amid much fanfare when they were launched in 1993.

Now blood tests, widely regarded as a significant advance in the battle against cheats. have quietly been dropped.

We stopped the blood tests because there didn't seem any point in continuing. Wilfried Meert, director of the Ivo van

Michael Ayers' world title frus-

tration continued yesterday when his World Boxing Or-

ganisation lightweight fight

against Russia's Artur Grigori-

an in Stuttgart on Saturday

The postponement also means no fight for the unde-

feated former British super-

middleweight champion Joe

Calzaghe, who was due to meet

Calzaghe's fellow country-man Robbie Regan, the WBO

bantamweight champion, had

already withdrawn from the

the same promotion.

was called off.

Damme meeting in Brussels, said vesterday.

We expected the international federation to introduce a new rule that allowed blood testing, that our tests would be a first step. But that never happened and the International Amateur Athletic Federation's own experts kept telling us that urine samples give just as good

"There were also difficult legal aspects. We never received the results of the tests - there was no reason why we should but in the end it was very expensive and we agreed that it is the sort of initiative that ought to come out of the international federations, not from indi-

vidual meeting organisers."

again because Grigorian has a

shoulder injury, although Ayers

has been waiting more than a

year for his second shot at the

WBO crown. A previous date

this year was scrapped when Grigorian first sustained shoul-

tle ended in a wide points de-

feat by Italy's Giovanni Parisi in

what to say other than that I'm

morrow morning. It's unbe-

lievable for it to happen at this

stage. I'm No 1 contender and

must fight for the title at some

stage. Nobody can stop me

Rome in April 1993.

from doing that.

Ayers' first attempt at the ti-

Ayers said: "I just don't know

der trouble.

the Brazilian Luciano Torres on gutted. I was due to fly out to-

Results from analysing 99 ed world record holders or samples taken over the first two seasons were only recently released. The findings indicated that three of 36 women athletes

tested had testosterone levels above the normal range, including one which was three times above the accepted level. The presence of extra testosterone, the male sex hormone. could lead to a four-year suspension if detected under the IAAF's standard urine analysis.

However, no disciplinary action could be taken because the IAAF's rules have never allowed for blood testing. Since the Golden Four are

contested by some of the world's top athletes, the three positive tests may have includ-

"But the main point is there

will be no fight on Saturday,

which means all my really hard

training has gone to waste. I was

just down to making the weight.

that's all there was to do. The

graft and sparring had all been done. I don't know what will hap-

pen now. I am hoping to hear more within the next few days."

Herbie Hide insists money is

not the motivation behind his

campaign to win back the WBO

heavyweight championship. Hide took home £2.6m for

losing the same title to Riddick

Bowe just over two years ago,

and he has told his trainer, Jim

McDonnell, that he would fight

America's Tony Tucker at the

Norwich Sports Village on 28

Olympic champions. But when the sport's gov-

erning body appears to back down from taking action against drug cheats, it may be expecting too much of meeting promoters to take a stand.

Last year the International Olympic Committee admitted it had thrown out five positive steroid tests discovered during the Atlanta Games. The five ig-nored tests followed the investment of \$3m (£2m) in much-vaunted new machinery, which proved far less reliable

than had been hoped. Only two athletes, both nonmedallists, were sanctioned at the Centenary Games after nearly 2,000 tests.

Ayers frustrated by second postponement

a lot of money on myself. I put it into my house, my needs are

my investments in a month, I

would not even spend in a year.

coming up in the future. I may

get married and have kids, but

at the moment I don't have to

support a wife and family. I say

that the only time in life when

a person is financially secure is

his fortune in importing three sparring partners from Ameri-

Odum, and Ross Purrity - to

help him prepare for the fight.

- Linwood Jones, Kim

when they are dead.

"But you don't know what's

Nick Trainor was the principal "I want this fight so much that I would fight Tucker for noth-ing," Hide said. "I don't spend

in a maiden century that included 17 fours, but Robert Cunliffe also helped himself to 61 which rather summed up the way things are going for the tourists at the monot great. The interest I earn on ment. Both batsmen bagged pairs against Essex in their last

ham, and who introduced him-self to Gloucestershire by asking for a trial, was out in the 83rd over, getting a top edge to an attempted hook off Genn McGrath that Mike Kasprowicz Hide has invested £20,000 of leg. With his departure the in-nings fizzled out, leaving the Australians to negotiate 23 tricky

Knives out for troubled **Taylor**

Guy Hodgson sees Gloucestershire add to the Australian

captain's problems

You did not have to search long for an incident to epitomise the problem confronting the Australian cricket team. On Tuesday, prior to the start of their three day game against Gloucestershire at Bristol, Geoff Marsh, their coach, began, erecting a video camera to monitor Mark Taylor's batting. He need not have bothered. Before Marsh had finished

putting the equipment together, before he could begin to think about filming, the Australian captain was dragging his careworn body back to the pavilion. M A Taylor, caught Russell, bowled Smith 0. He had lasted just four balls.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph's headline yesterday was "Dead Duck" which succincily summed up the mood back home. "The problem is," one Australian jour-nalist said in Bristol yesterday,

"we are playing one man short."

Ian Chappell, the former Australian captain who is never afraid to express an opinion, appears to concur. "I have not seen anything in Mark Taylor's batting to say he's coming out of a slump," he wrote in the above newspaper. "Australia have two openers in form and I don't think they have enough time to mess around with him any more. I have to ask the question: is it a pro-

longed slump or has he gone? Taylor, his footwork uncertain, is grasping for every run at the moment. He has not scored a half-century in his last 20 Test or in his last 12 one-day in ternationals. Worse, the ping-pong that has been played between Australia and Britain this week over who selects the Test side has given rise to the suggestion that the concensus is the captain should go. It is just that no one wants to be the one to

tell him. Alan Crompton, the Australian manager, yesterday said team selection rested sole; the three appointed tours tors: Marsh, the vice-capt & Steve Waugh and Taylor. The first two, long-standing friends, are unlikely to force the captain's

hand. Any decison will probably "I feel for Mark," Wangh said. "He's been having a badtime but I believe it's too soon to make judgements. Too many 3 people are assessing his form over what's gone on in the past 12 months or so, but this is a new tour and so far he's had only one first-class knock. If he makes

runs in the next innings, then there shouldn't be a problem.' As Waugh says: "It's not only Mark Taylor who's not doing great". Several tourists have found difficulty adjusting to soft wickets where the ball seams. But when the captain fails, you notice.

The Australians need a win and it is going to take a remarkable performance to wrest one out of the current match. On a pudding of a pitch that is get-ting slower by the hour, it was the Australian bowlers rather than Taylor who toiled yesterday as Gloucestershire turned an overnight 55 for 1 into 350 all out and a first-innings lead of 101.

beneficiary, plundering the visi-tors' attack for 121 off 246 balls Championship match.
Trainor, discarded by Dur-

took with a diving catch at fine overs without undue alarm, reaching 43 for 0. Taylor, to huge Australian relief, was 19 not out.

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